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SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, Was.
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Re SAC Letter 55-30 dated April 12, 1955, entitled
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Succinct Resume of Case

BRIGHAM resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as a housewife.

Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised that BRIGHAM was a member of the Communist Party as of February, 1952; attended May Day Rally, May, 1952; attended CP meeting, July, 1954; at CP meeting scheduled at her home, July, 1954; instructed by CP in October, 1954, not to do any active work in CP as of that date; admitted CP membership, December, 1954, while attempting to obtain posters in defense of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT; member or active in Chicago Committee of American-Soviet Friendship, 1953-1954; member of Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case in 1953 and 1955; member of Chicago Negro Labor Council in 1953; member of Civil Rights Congress, 1951-1955; member of LIGHTFOOT Defense Committee in 1954-1955; elected Publicity Chairman, LIGHTFOOT Defense Committee, November, 1954; member of Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in 1953-1954; member of Washington Park Forum, 1952-1955.

Recommendation

Retain on Security Index.

As is reflected above, the subject has been reported as having actively participated in the activities of the CP as of July, 1954, and to be currently substantially active in CP front groups. Accordingly, it is recommended that subject be retained on the Security Index of the Chicago Division.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM is a housewife and resides at 944 E. 44th St., Chicago. Some high CP officials decided WARD should not attend EMMETT TILL Trial in Mississippi because of her CP background, 1955; she presented herself as a representative of the CP, 1955; comparison of data relating to a CP registrant during the 1956 registration drive with subject set forth; she was a member of the CP, 1/56; she was on the Division Committee of the South Side Division of the CP and attended high level meetings in 2/56 and 3/56; she was working on a CP leaflet as of 4/56; as of 12/55 she was not wanted on an Afro-American Congress of Christian Organizations Committee because she was a Communist. She was active in the A-ACCO and attended a "March on Washington", 10/55; she was active in the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), 1955 and 1956 and ran for Educational Director but was defeated; she was active in the Lightfoot Defense Committee (LDC) and on the Budget Committee of the LDC, 1955 and 1956; attended Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press affairs (ICFP), 1955-1956; acted as Chairman of the May Day Rally, 1955; was active in the Washington Park Forum (WPF), 1955-1956 and testified against Broyles Bills at State Capitol as a representative of the WPF.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise stated.

I. BACKGROUND

Present Employment

T-1 advised on May 10, 1956, that ARLENE WARD is a housewife.

Present Residence

T-1 advised on May 10, 1956, that ARLENE WARD currently resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago.

Marital Status

T-2 advised on December 12, 1955, that ARLENE WARD has been living with LONNIE BRIGHAM in a commonlaw relationship for the past several years.

Arrest Record

The records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were reviewed by Patrolman EVERETT FRIEBERG on May 8, 1956, and found to contain no information on ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM since February 25, 1955.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP-USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-3

This informant advised in September, 1955, that ARLENE WARD was a personal friend of Mrs. MAMIE BRADLEY, mother of EMMETT TILL, and that WARD was planning to go to the trial in Mississippi with Mrs. BRADLEY. The informant stated that because of WARD's background in the CP movement some high CP officials decided that she should not accompany Mrs. BRADLEY to the trial in Mississippi.

It is to be noted that EMMETT TILL was a fourteen year old Chicago Negro boy who was found slain in Mississippi, in September, 1955.

This informant advised further in October, 1955, that prior to October 6, 1955, WARD told him that she was in contact with Rev. CLARENCE HARDING, the head of the Afro-American Congress of Christian Organizations (A-ACCO) and presented herself as a CP representative to HARDING. HARDING stated that he would work with anybody and wanted to know from WARD, as a representative of the CP, what she could do for him in his organizing a "March on Washington".

In this connection the informant further advised that WARD was active in getting the CP to donate \$100. to HARDING to help ~~finance~~ the "March on Washington".

Informant also advised in October, 1955, that the CP has stated it would assist the A-ACCO in regard to sending a delegation to Washington on October 22, 1955, and should make every effort to try to gain influence in this organization.

On March 21, 1956, this informant advised that MOLLIE LIEBER WEST, assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District of the CP, had in her possession a registration form pertaining to individuals in the South Side Division of the CP which registration form had been completed during the 1956 CP registration drive for this District. This registration form, which did not bear the name of an individual for security reasons,

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reflected that a female, 37 years of age, of the Negro race, whose national origin was reflected as U.S. was a housewife in the CNDA, and read "The Worker" regularly.

It is noted that T-1 advised on May 10, 1956, that ARLENE WARD is a female Negro housewife, residing at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago.

Mrs. LOUISE HOWARD, Department of Registration and Education, State Archives Building, Springfield, Illinois, advised SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, Jr. in April, 1953, that ARLENE HOWARD was born December 20, 1917, in Jackson, Mississippi.

T-4 furnished information on April 22, 1945, reflecting that ARLENE WARD was associated with the Washington Park Club of the CP in 1944.

T-1 advised on November 21, 1955, that ARLENE WARD receives "The Worker" regularly.

It is to be noted further that the CNDA mentioned above is the Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women, 4441 South Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, according to T-1 on May 10, 1956.

It was ascertained through a suitable pretext on May 14, 1956, that the CNDA is a social organization composed of Negro women, and that they work closely with many different church groups.

It is to be also noted that T-3 advised on March 21, 1956, that 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, is located in the area known in the CP as the South Side Division.

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist daily newspaper and "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

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T-1

This informant advised on November 12, 1955, that although he could not place WARD in a specific CP club at the present time he was certain that she was a current member of the CP, basing this belief on her extremely close association with persons known to him as CP members, and the fact that she was extremely active in a large number of CP front groups.

He continued that approximately one year before he had attended a CP meeting held in WARD's home with her present.

On January 6, 1956, this informant advised that ARLENE WARD was a member of Section 3 of the South Side Division of the CP as of January 2, 1956.

The informant advised on January 23, 1956, that a high level meeting of the CP was held on January 18, 1956, and WARD was discussed at this meeting. It was stated that ARLENE WARD was proposed for a club chairmanship and it was felt by high level members of the Division that she should be placed on the Division Committee because of her excellent work in mass organizations, especially small churches. The informant stated that this idea was discussed at length, and it was decided that WARD should not be placed on a Division Committee until the matter was discussed with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

It may be noted that CLAUDE ~~LIGHTFOOT~~ was indicted on May 14, 1954, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and on January 25, 1955, was convicted in Federal District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

T-1 advised on January 27, 1956, that WARD was discussed at a high level CP meeting held in January, 1956. It was decided at this meeting to recommend WARD for the South Side Division Committee.

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however, it was decided that a separate committee would meet with her and discuss the duties that she would be expected to perform, consisting mostly of work among churches and small mass organizations.

This informant advised on February 9, 1956, that WARD attended a meeting of the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP) held on February 5, 1956, at 5120 South Parkway, Chicago. Informant stated that this was actually a meeting of the members of the South Side Division of the CP directed towards assisting in the current "Daily Worker" drive, Chicago, held under the name of the ICFP.

This informant advised on June 4, 1954, that the ICFP was formed in the latter part of 1951. The informant stated that the purpose for which it was formed and for which it continues its existence is to insure the continued existence of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker".

This informant advised on February 23, 1956, that WARD attended a high level meeting of the South Side Division of the CP on February 20, 1956.

On February 28, 1956, he advised further that WARD attended a high level CP meeting held on February 22, 1956, at her residence. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was also at this meeting and he spoke at length on the criticism of STALIN in Russia.

T-1 advised on March 29, 1956, that WARD attended a high level CP meeting on February 26, 1956, at 121 East 71st Street, Chicago. He stated the main topics of discussion were the 20th Congress of the USSR and current "Daily Worker" subscriptions.

At this meeting it was mentioned that the church group with which WARD is connected is planning a day of prayer at Trumbull Park in Chicago, however, it was decided that a conference with all CP members within this church group would meet separately.

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On March 19, 1956, this informant advised that WARD attended a high level meeting of the South Side Division of the CP held on March 12, 1956, at 121 East 71st Street, Chicago. The informant stated that it was suggested at this meeting that more CP people should be assigned to attend the church meetings held every Saturday by ARLENE WARD's church group. It was mentioned that this group consists of a group of ministers, militant, and progressive people for the purpose of furthering civil rights issues. It was further noted at this meeting that WARD had not yet had a CP club meeting for her club, and that she had not tried to get her club together as of then.

This informant advised on April 16, 1956, that WARD was a member of the Division Committee of the South Side Division of the CP as of then and also that she was working on a leaflet pertaining to a south side fire which took nine or ten lives. This leaflet was being drawn up by the district leadership and to be distributed by the CP members. It was also mentioned at this meeting that WARD was having difficulty organizing her own CP club's activities, as of that time.

T-5

This informant advised on December 20, 1955, that at a meeting of the Harriet Tubman Section of the A-ACCO held on December 9, 1955, it was stated that ARLENE WARD was a Communist and, therefore, not wanted in that group.

T-2

This informant advised on December 12, 1955, that through conversation with WARD he believed her to be a member of or associated with the CP, as of that time.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

American Peace Crusade (APC)

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-6

This informant advised on January 27, 1953, that WARD attended a "movie and rally for peace and freedom" sponsored by the APC on January 22, 1953, at the *Metropolitan Community Church, 4106 South Parkway, Chicago. 4

The Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-2

On February 25, 1955, this informant advised that WARD attended a meeting sponsored by the CRC on February 20, 1955. WARD addressed the meeting and spoke about her recent trip to Springfield where she attended the Broyles Bills hearing. She stated that one Senator there had commented that he had been for the Broyles Bills but had given some money to various organizations in the past. Then, he realized that the Bill would make him liable to prosecution because of his contributions to the aforementioned organizations, which according to the informant were not named by WARD.

WARD mentioned further that there was a definite lack of Negroes at the Broyles Bills sessions in Springfield stating that her party were the only ones there. She seemed to feel that if this Bill passes no one can give a Communist a ride in a car or a helping hand in any way without fear of prosecution.

It is noted that the Broyles Bills are a series of legislation introduced into the Illinois Legislature and have as their purpose the curtailment of the activities of the CP in the state of Illinois.

This informant advised on August 5, 1955, that WARD spoke at a mass rally of the CRC, the Lightfoot Defense Committee (LDC) and the Washington Park Forum (WPF) held in Washington Park on July 31, 1955.

T-3 advised in July, 1954, that the CP, District No. 8, set up the LDC for the purpose of raising money for the defense of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and to disseminate propaganda in this case. The informant further related that the CP officials consider this a well operated committee.

T-8 advised on July 25, 1952, that the WPF usually gives preference to speakers who present the CP attitude toward current political, economic, and social events.

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T-9

This informant advised on March 14, 1955, that a party was held at BRIGHAM's residence on March 13, 1955, at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago. He estimated there were about forty people in attendance, most of whom were CP members. The informant stated that the proceeds of this party were to be donated to the CRC.

On March 28, 1955, this informant advised that at a South Side Chapter of the CRC meeting held on March 25, 1955, it was announced that WARD had been recommended as a candidate for the position of Educational Director of that organization.

On March 30, 1955, the informant advised that WARD attended a dance and birthday party held for the purpose of raising funds for the CRC. This affair was held on March 26, 1955, at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago.

On April 1, 1955, the informant advised that at a meeting of the South Side Chapter of the CRC on that date the results of the recent election of officers was announced. He stated that WARD was defeated for the position of Educational Director.

Informant advised on April 21, 1955, that WARD attended a South Side Chapter CRC meeting held on April 15, 1955, at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago. She pledged to sell \$25.00 worth of tickets for the showing of "Salt of the Earth".

The informant advised on June 6, 1955, that WARD attended a rummage sale on June 3, 1955, at 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago. The proceeds of this sale were to be put in the CRC treasury.

The informant advised on July 18, 1955, that WARD turned in \$3.00 at the July 14, 1955, CRC meeting for the sale of tickets for the showing of "Salt of the Earth".

According to the 6/27/54 edition of the Chicago Sun-Times the Chicago operators' union objects to the movie "Salt of the Earth" because it was sponsored by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, which was expelled from the CIO in the purge of left-wingers, and because the director and the producer were identified before the House Un-American Activities Committee as past or present Communists.

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Informant advised on August 1, 1955, that WARD made a short speech at the CRC, LDC, WPF, jointly sponsored mass rally which was held on July 31, 1955.

Informant advised on December 1, 1955, that WARD's name was in possession of the CRC-LDC as of November 28, 1955. Informant further advised that WARD would be invited to attend a meeting of the LDC held on November 30, 1955.

On January 4, 1956, this informant advised that it was decided by a high official of the CRC on December 27, 1955, that WARD should be among those notified of the dissolution of the CRC. Informant stated that WARD was one of those to be notified because of her past interest in the CRC.

T-10

This informant advised on March 21, 1955, that a CRC sponsored party was held at ARLENE WARD's home on March 12, 1955. Informant stated further that WARD arrived late and was with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

Informant advised on April 6, 1955, that at a March 25, 1955, South Side Chapter CRC meeting it was announced that WARD was nominated for the position of Educational Director of that organization.

On May 11, 1955, the informant stated that WARD attended a CRC party held on May 7, 1955, at 6834 South Shields Avenue, Chicago.

T-11

This informant advised on March 28, 1955, that ARLENE WARD attended CRC-LDC meetings on March 23, 1955, March 25, 1955, and March 26, 1955.

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The informant stated WARD was nominated for Educational Director at the March 25, 1955, meeting.

Informant added on April 21, 1955, that WARD attended the April 15, 1955, meeting of the CRC and was assigned the duty of selling twenty-five tickets for the showing "Salt of the Earth" at the WPF meetings.

T-12

This informant stated on March 28, 1955, that WARD was nominated as Educational Director of the South Side Chapter of the CRC at a meeting held on March 25, 1955.

On March 28, 1955, the informant advised that WARD attended a birthday party and dance held on March 26, 1955, the proceeds of which were to be turned over to the South Side Chapter of the CRC.

This informant advised on April 11, 1955, that WARD was planning on being in Springfield, Illinois, on April 13, 1955, to attend the hearings on the Broyles Bills on that date as a representative of the CRC.

On April 21, 1955, the informant stated that WARD attended a South Side Chapter CRC meeting held on April 15, 1955, at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago.

T-13

This informant advised on March 29, 1955, that WARD attended the previously mentioned dance and birthday party on March 26, 1955.

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T-6

On May 8, 1956, the informant advised that WARD spoke at a CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT rally held on July 31, 1955, at Washington Park, Chicago. This affair was sponsored by the CRC, LDC, and WPF. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was the featured speaker at this rally.

T-1

This informant supplied substantially the same information on August 2, 1955, as did T-6 above pertaining to the July 31, 1955, rally.

This informant advised further on October 5, 1955, that WARD attended a closed CRC meeting on September 30, 1955, held at the Parkway Community Center, Chicago.

Committee to Further the
Goals of Geneva (CFGG)

T-14 advised on November 17, 1955, that the CFGG was a temporary committee set up by the same individuals who had been on the Executive Council of the old Illinois Assembly of the APC. The informant advised further that the CFGG was formed to clear up the business of the recently dissolved Illinois Assembly of the APC held a meeting on October 28, 1955 and was dissolved at another meeting on November 15, 1955.

T-6

On October 31, 1955, informant advised that WARD attended a meeting sponsored by the CFGG on October 28, 1955, at the Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams Street, Chicago. At this meeting WARD stated she recently returned from Washington, D.C. where she was one of the pickets at the White House and protested the conditions in Mississippi.

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"Daily Worker"

T-1

This informant advised on November 21, 1955, that WARD had been receiving the "Daily Worker" regularly as of that time.

LIGHTFOOT DEFENSE COMMITTEE (LDC)

T-12

This informant advised on February 4, 1955, that WARD attended the South Side Section of the LDC meeting held on January 31, 1955, at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago. At this meeting WARD spoke in LIGHTFOOT's defense and on all the good things he has done for all the Negroes on the South Side of Chicago.

This informant advised on February 17, 1955, that WARD attended the "Brotherhood Ball" sponsored by the South Side Chapter of the LDC on February 12, 1955. This dance was held at 47th and Princeton, Chicago. The informant added that WARD was the cashier at the bar.

On February 21, 1955, informant stated that WARD attended a meeting of the LDC held on February 18, 1955, at the Pershing Hotel, Chicago. WARD was seated at the speakers platform and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON were the principal speakers. PATTERSON introduced WARD to the group.

T-1 advised on February 6, 1951, that WILLIAM PATTERSON resigned as Vice-chairman and Legislative Director of the CP, District No. 8, prior to September, 1948, and became National Executive Secretary of the CRC, continuing his CP membership.

It is to be noted that on June 17, 1954, WILLIAM PATTERSON, as Executive Secretary of the CRC, was found guilty of contempt in U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

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T-1

On February 23, 1955, this informant furnished substantially the same information as did T-12, mentioned above, on the February 18, 1955, meeting of the LDC.

This informant advised further on February 23, 1956, that WARD attended a birthday dance in honor of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on February 18, 1956, at the Sutherland Hotel, Chicago, which was sponsored by the LDC.

T-9

This informant advised on February 14, 1955, that ARLENE WARD attended the previously mentioned "Brotherhood Ball" which was held on February 12, 1955, under the auspices of the LDC.

This informant advised on February 21, 1955, substantially the same information as appears above on the February 18, 1955, LDC meeting.

This informant advised on May 27, 1955, that WARD had recently been asked to serve on the newly reactivated LDC.

On June 22, 1955, the informant advised that WARD was elected to serve on the Budget Committee of the LDC at a meeting of instant organization held on June 20, 1955.

Informant advised further on July 5, 1955, that as of June 28, 1955, WARD was a member of the LDC Budget Committee.

This informant advised on February 27, 1956, that WARD attended the CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT birthday celebration held on February 18, 1956, by the LDC.

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On July 31, 1955, a Special Agent of the FBI observed ARLENE WARD on the speakers platform at a meeting of the LDC which was held at 51st and South Park, Chicago.

ILLINOIS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (ICFP)

T-2

This informant advised on February 11, 1955, that WARD attended an ICFP sponsored CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT rally held on February 4, 1955, at the Sutherland Hotel, Chicago.

T-11, T-9, T-12, and T-1, all advised on February 7, 1955, substantially the same information as did T-2 on the above mentioned rally.

T-1

This informant advised on **January 18, 1956**, that WARD attended the 32nd anniversary celebration of the "Daily Worker" which was held on **January 14, 1956**, at **Milda Hall, 3140 South Halsted Street, Chicago**, which was sponsored by the ICFP.

T-6, on January 18, 1956; T-2, on January 20, 1956; and T-9, on January 17, 1956, furnished substantially the same information as did T-1 above pertaining to the 32nd anniversary celebration of the "Daily Worker".

On April 2, 1956, T-1 advised that WARD attended a meeting of the ICFP held on March 30, 1956, at Milda Hall, Chicago. The purpose of instant meeting was to protest the seizure of the "Daily Worker" and CP offices in Chicago by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

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T-6

On May 8, 1956, this informant furnished substantially the same information as did T-1 above pertaining to the March 30, 1956, ICFP meeting.

Labor May Day Committee (LMDC)

T-15 advised on August 1, 1955, that in early March, 1955, a number of individuals known to the informant as CP members met to form what was later known as the LMDC. This committee was formed for the sole purpose of promoting a May Day rally held on May 1, 1955, at 3140 South Halsted Street, Chicago. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP District Chairman, Chicago, was scheduled as the main speaker but he was not able to attend the rally.

T-1

On May 5, 1955, this informant advised that WARD was seated at the speakers platform and was chairman of the May Day rally held May 1, 1955, at Milda Hall, 3140 South Halsted Street, Chicago. This rally was sponsored by the LMDC.

T-9

On May 4, 1955, this informant supplied substantially the same information as did T-1 above pertaining to the 1955 May Day rally.

Socialist Union of America (SUA)

T-16 advised on November 8, 1954, that the SUA was formed as a result of a split from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) on November 21, 1953, at the Midwest Founding Conference, Detroit, Michigan. The informant stated that the primary reason for the

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split was that the minority group known as the Cochranites believed that the organization should enter into other left wing groups, such as the CP with the intention of swinging these groups right or left, thereby bringing about a revolution sooner.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-6

On March 5, 1956, this informant advised that the name, ARLENE WARD, 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, was in the possession of the SUA during December, 1955.

WASHINGTON PARK FORUM(WPF)

"The Worker", Illinois Edition, issue of April 25, 1954, page 15, in an article entitled "Chicagoans Visit St. Louis Trial" reflected that a delegation of nine Chicagoans from the WPF, last week attended sessions of the Smith Act trial in St. Louis, Missouri. "Mrs. ARLENE WARD, Delegation Leader, brought greetings from Chicago to the nine defendants. She said 'there will be no defendants tomorrow if there are more defendants today'".

T-17, who is in a position
to furnish information
concerning the Broyles Bills

This informant advised on February 21, 1955, that on February 15, 1955, ARLENE WARD testified before the State Senate as an Opponent of the anti-Communist Broyles Bills. WARD was listed as a representative of the WPF.

T-10

On March 1, 1955, this informant advised that WARD attended a WPF meeting held at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, on February 20, 1955. The informant also advised that WARD reported on the

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delegation to Springfield to testify against the Broyles Bills. WARD said that Senator BROYLES attempted to intimidate her by saying that the Justice Department listed as subversive the organizations whose viewpoint she represented, and that the Supreme Court had okayed the Smith Act, to which she related that she answered that the Supreme Court at one time passed on the Dredd Scott decision.

This informant advised on March 1, 1955, March 21, 1955, April 6, 1955, and April 15, 1955, that WARD attended meetings of the WPF held on February 27, 1955, March 13, 1955, April 3, 1955, and April 10, 1955, respectively. At the April 3, 1955, meeting she spoke on the Broyles Bills and asked for volunteers to distribute leaflets opposing these bills.

Informant also advised on April 22, 1955, that WARD attended a WPF meeting on April 18, 1955. At this meeting, WARD reported on the Broyles Bills and stated that they were already in effect as a gag which had been put on by requiring that people declare whether they had been a member of the CP or not before testifying. WARD stated that these were Fascist bills, and that she had no intention of ever declaring her politics under compulsion.

T-1

This informant advised on February 28, 1955, that at a CP meeting held on February 22, 1955, it was stated that the speech WARD read before the Broyles Committee had been written by a few people from the WPF.

T-12

On February 28, 1955, this informant advised that WARD was on a committee that went to Springfield, Illinois, shortly before to protest the Broyles Bill. This committee was a representation of the WPF.

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T-8

This informant advised on March 1, 1955, and April 5, 1955, that WARD attended meetings of the WPF on February 27, 1955, and April 3, 1955, respectively. He added that at the April 3, 1955, meeting WARD was distributing anti-Broyles Bills leaflets and that she [redacted] was responsible for distributing about 50,000 of these leaflets.

Other information pertaining to the subject

Broyles Bills

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 22, 1955, page 8, column 2, carried an article entitled "Illinois Senate Votes on Broyles Bill Next Week". The article states in part: "A Negro woman leader from Chicago's south side, Mrs. ARLENE WARD, charges that the Broyles Bills are 'designed to hinder the uphill struggle of the Negro people for equal rights'".

DAVID POINDEXTER Funeral

T-13 advised on October 5, 1954, that at a meeting held on September 26, 1954, at Washington Square, Chicago, DAVID POINDEXTER was a featured speaker and when a heckler asked POINDEXTER if he were a Communist he replied "Hell yes", and went on to tell how long he had been a CP member and why.

T-10

This informant advised [redacted]
[redacted] he learned from WARD that she was active in raising funds for the funeral of DAVID POINDEXTER.

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On March 21, 1955, this informant advised that WARD was in attendance at the Poindexter funeral on March 19, 1955, held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 41st Street and South Park, Chicago. She read condolence cards and telegrams received by the family to the group assembled at the funeral.

T-6, T-9, and T-11 on March 21, 1955, and T-8 and T-18, of unknown reliability, on March 23, 1955, supplied substantially the same information as did T-10 above pertaining to the POINDEXTER funeral.

National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

T-3 advised on October 19, 1955, that the NAACP is the CP point of concentration of "right led" organizations.

T-3

This informant advised in September, 1955, that ARLENE WARD accompanied Mrs. MAMIE BRADLEY, mother of EMMETT TILL, to Cleveland to attend a NAACP meeting in that city about that time.

T-1

On March 1, 1956, this informant advised that at a CP meeting held on February 22, 1956, it was mentioned that ARLENE WARD would participate in a "March on Washington" sponsored by the NAACP as a representative of a church group in which she was working.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Trial

T-6

This informant advised during January, 1955, that ARLENE WARD attended sessions of the CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT trial on the following dates:

January 10, 1955;

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January 11, 1955;
January 13, 1955;
January 14, 1955;
January 17, 1955;
January 18, 1955;
January 20, 1955;
January 24, 1955;
January 25, 1955, and
January 26, 1955.

V. M. MOLOTOV Visit to Chicago

T-6

This informant advised on May 8, 1956, that ARLENE WARD was recognized as a member of the group awaiting the arrival of V. M. MOLOTOV at Northwestern Railroad Station, Chicago, on June 28, 1955. It is noted that V. M. MOLOTOV is a high ranking official of the U.S.S.R.

AFRO-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS (A-ACCO)

T-6, an agency which collects
security information in the
Chicago area

This informant advised on October 19, 1955, that on October 3, 1955, a small meeting was held at the Victory Baptist Church, 4747 South Cottage Grove, Chicago, at which meeting the A-ACCO was formed. ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was in attendance at this meeting.

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This informant advised on November 8, 1955, that ARLENE WARD was among the delegation that left Chicago on October 22, 1955, to participate in the A-ACCO "March on Washington" to protest the EMMETT TILL case.

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This informant advised on October 11, 1955, that WARD attended a mass rally protesting the EMMETT TILL case on October 9, 1955, held at 4720 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago. This meeting was sponsored by the A-ACCO and WARD was seated on the speakers platform

T-7, who was in a position to know the A-ACCO Group in Washington, D. C.

This informant advised on October 26, 1955, that WARD was among the Chicago delegation who participated in the A-ACCO "March on Washington" arriving in Washington, D. C. on October 24, 1955.

"The American Negro"

The issue of January, 1956, contains a list of those individuals who participated in the "religious delegation that went to Washington, D. C., to protest the lynching of EMMETT TILL". ARLENE WARD was listed among those attending. This delegation represented the A-ACCO.

T-3 advised in April, 1956, that the Illinois - Indiana District of the CP gave \$400 to the publisher of "The American Negro" to help continue this publication as the national office of the CP decided to assist in the continuance of it and would have an influence in it.

T-5

This informant advised on October 27, 1955, that WARD was one of those who participated in the A-ACCO "March on Washington". They left Chicago on October 22, 1955.

This informant advised further on November 15, 1955, that WARD was present at an A-ACCO meeting held on November 9, 1955, at the Victory Baptist Church, 4747 South Cottage Grove, Chicago.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

ARLENE WARD is included on the Security Index in the Chicago office. Her SI card has been reviewed and it is current and accurate. The file on ARLENE WARD was reviewed and it was found that she still meets the criteria for inclusion on the Security Index.

Information appearing in this report received from T-1 has been paraphrased to further protect the identity of this highly placed informant.

Information received from T-3 in instant report has also been paraphrased to further protect the identity of this highly placed informant.

In reference to information received from T-3 on October 8, 1955, it is to be noted that the informant received this information from WARD personally and WARD further advised him that there has been a shipment of small firearms to Mississippi by various individuals and also stated that HARDING has an underground force which has its headquarters in Mississippi and that this force is armed. She stated further that HARDING was going on a trip to Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, and other cities to contact people in his organization for donations, and he wanted the names of people in the CP whom he could contact in the cities he is to visit in an attempt to get their support. WARD also stated that while on this trip, HARDING would visit the headquarters of his underground forces in Mississippi. The informant told WARD that names of party members should not be given to HARDING.

The pretext call to the CNDA was made by SA SHERIDAN on May 14, 1956, to Mrs. NINEEAR ALLEN. The pretext used was that of a newspaper reporter.

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The Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were caused to be searched by Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL.

The Agent who observed WARD at the July 31, 1955, LDC meeting was SA CARL V. MASON.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols have been utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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T-1 [REDACTED]	Background info and meaning of CWDA	5/10/56	JOSEPH C. STANLEY (orally)	Instant Report
	11/55	11/21/55	ROBERT E. BURKE	[REDACTED]
	11/12/55 FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	11/12/55	JOSEPH C. STANLEY (orally)	100-23644-430
	1/2/56	1/6/56	JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.	[REDACTED]
	1/18/56	1/23/56	ARTHUR H. CHRISTENSEN	
	1/23/56	1/27/56	"	
	2/5/56	2/9/56	"	

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[REDACTED]	Characterization of ICFP	6/4/54		[REDACTED]	
	2/20/56	2/23/56	GERARD A. PERKINS		
	2/22/56	2/28/56	"		
	2/26/56	3/29/56	J. WAYNE PARRISH		
	3/12/56	3/19/56	"		
	4/9/56	4/16/56	"		
	10/9/55	10/11/55	ROBERT E. BURKE		
	7/31/55	8/2/55	"		
	9/30/55	10/5/55	"		
	11/21/55	11/21/55	"		
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)					
	Characterization of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON	2/6/51			
	2/18/55	2/23/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES		
	2/18/56	2/23/56	GERARD A. PERKINS		
	2/4/55	2/7/55	J. ROGER WALTERS		
	1/14/56	1/18/56	JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.		
	3/30/56	4/2/56	J. WAYNE PARRISH		

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[REDACTED]	5/1/55	5/5/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	[REDACTED]
	2/22/55	2/28/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
	2/22/56	3/1/56	JOSEPH E. TRAVERS (orally)	
T-2				
[REDACTED]	Marital status and believed to be CP member	12/12/55	JOSEPH C. STANLEY (orally)	100-23644-436
	2/20/55	2/25/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	[REDACTED]
	7/31/55	8/5/55	ROBERT E. BURKE	
	2/4/55	2/11/55	J. ROGER WALTERS	
	1/14/56	1/20/56	JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.	
T-3				
CG 5824-S	9/55	9/19/55	CARL N. FREYMAN (orally)	100-23644-419
	10/6/55	10/8/55	JOHN E. KEATING & CARL N. FREYMAN (orally)	100-23644-421
	Characterization of A-ACCO	10/8/55		

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<u>T-3 - continued</u>				
CG 5824-S	CP registration form	3/21/56	JOHN E. KEATING	A)134-46-1B1
	Location of South Side Division	3/21/56	"	134-46-839
	Characterization of "The American Negro"	4/10/56		
	Characterization of LDC	7/14/54		
	Characterization of NAACP	10/19/55		
	9/55	9/19/55	CARL N. FREYMAN (orally)	100-23644-419
<u>T-4</u>				
Anonymous Source				FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
<u>T-5</u>				
	12/9/55	12/20/55	GENE E. ARNOLD	
	10/22/55	10/27/55	FRED P. YOUNG	
	11/9/55	11/15/55	"	
<u>T-6</u>				
Security Unit, Chicago Police Department	10/3/55	10/19/55	WELDON C. CARMICHAEL (orally)	100-2293-96
	10/22/55	11/8/55	SE HUGH M. BARNHARDT	100-2293-94
	1/22/53	1/27/53	"	100-23491-1057

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T-6 - continued Security Unit, Chicago PD	7/31/55	5/8/56	Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL	Instant Report
	10/28/55	10/31/55	SE HUGH M. BARNHARDT	100-31063-14
	1/14/56 3/30/56	1/18/56 5/8/56	" Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL	100-25191-464 Instant Report 100-28621-1B2- p. 8
	12/55	3/5/56		
	3/19/55	3/21/55	SE HUGH M. BARNHARDT	100-125-9319
	1/10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 26/55	1/13, 14, 17, 17, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27, 27/55	"	61-867-2336, 2390, 2400, 2401, 2453, 2455, 2475, 2524, 2525, 2526
	6/28/55	5/8/56	Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL	Instant Report
T-7 Capt. M.J. MAHA NEY, Special Investigation Unit, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. (Deemed Advisable)	10/24/55	10/26/55	CARROLL M. GARNETT	100-2293-93
				FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
T-8 [Redacted]	Characterization of WPF	7/25/52		
	2/27/55	3/1/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]	4/3/55	4/5/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	
	3/19/55	3/23/55	"	
T-9				
[REDACTED]	3/13/55	3/14/55	"	
	3/25/55	3/28/55	GERARD A. PERKINS	
	3/26/55	3/30/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	
	4/1/55	4/1/55	GERARD A. PERKINS	
	4/15/55	4/21/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	6/3/55	6/6/55	GERARD A. PERKINS	
	7/14/55	7/18/55	"	
	7/31/55	8/1/55	"	
	11/28/55	12/1/55	ROBERT E. BURKE	
	12/27/55	1/4/56	JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.	
	2/12/55	2/14/55	J. ROGER WALTERS	
	2/18/55	2/21/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
	5/55	5/27/55	GERARD A. PERKINS	

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T-9 - continued				
[REDACTED]	6/20/55	6/22/55	GERARD A. PERKINS	[REDACTED]
	6/28/55	7/5/55	ROBERT E. BURKE	
	2/18/56	2/27/56	GERARD A. PERKINS	
	2/4/55	2/7/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
	1/14/56	1/17/56	JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.	
	5/1/55	5/4/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	
	3/19/55	3/21/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
T-10				
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]
	3/25/55	4/6/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	
	5/7/55	5/11/55	"	
	2/20/55	3/1/55	JOSEPH B. CABREY	
	2/27/55	3/1/55	"	
	3/13/55	3/21/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
	4/3/55	4/6/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	

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	4/18/55	4/22/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	
	3/16/55	3/21/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
	3/19/55	3/21/55	"	
T-11 [REDACTED]	3/23/55	3/28/55	GERARD A. PERKINS	
	3/25/55	3/28/55	"	
	3/26/55	3/28/55	"	
	4/15/55	4/21/55	J. ROGER WALTERS	
	2/4/55	2/7/55	"	
	3/19/55	3/21/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
T-12 [REDACTED]	3/25/55	3/28/55	GERARD A. PERKINS	
	3/26/55	3/28/55	"	
	4/13/55	4/11/55	"	
	4/15/55	4/21/55	J. ROGER WALTERS	
	1/31/55	2/4/55	"	

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T-12 - continued [REDACTED]	2/12/55	2/17/55	J. ROGER WALTERS	[REDACTED]
	2/18/55	2/21/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)			
	2/4/55	2/7/55	J. ROGER WALTERS	
	2/ 55	2/28/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	
T-13 [REDACTED]	3/26/55	3/29/55	WILLIAM F. THOMPSON	[REDACTED]
	Characterization of DAVID POINDEXTER	10/5/54		
T-14 [REDACTED]	Characterization of CFGG	11/17/55		
T-15 [REDACTED]	Characterization of LMDC	8/1/55		
T-16 GEORGE L. DOWNING, 15343 Forrer St., Detroit, Michigan (Requested)	Characterization of SUA	11/8/54		
T-17 Miss HELEN NICHOLS, Secretary to Senator P.W. BROYLES, Springfield, Ill. (Requested)	2/15/55	2/21/55	V.T. HARTNETT & A.E. FALLER	100-18954-800 p. 1

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T-18 <div></div>	FOIA(b) (7) - (D) 3/19/55	3/23/55	GEORGE EDWIN JONES	<div></div>

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH E. TRAVERS dated 4/13/55 at Chicago.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

DATE: December 20, 1956

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644)

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SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, was,
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OO: CHICAGO

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JAN 2 1957
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

x The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

✓ Sales representative, "Wonder Bread" Continental Baking Company, 326 W. Madison St.,
Chicago, Illinois. (Works out of home)

KEY FACILITY DATA: None

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

DATE: June 10, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644)

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, was
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OO: CHICAGOCard U.T.D.
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ALIASES Delete: Arlena Howard

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

DATE: June 13, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644)

SUBJECT: ⁰
ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, was,
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OO: CHICAGOCard U.T.D.
JUN 25 1957 aa

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NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. #1 west, 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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1-Chicago

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PVL:GAL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 6-22-57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/24, 26, 29; 5/2, 9, 14, 16, 20, 31/57
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED"		REPORT MADE BY PHILIP V. LIVINGSTON	TYPED BY jmh
ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, nee Arlene Howard, was, Mrs. Lonnie Brigham, Arlene Ward, Mrs. Sherman Ward		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS:

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, a housewife, resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Ill. ARLENE WARD, a 1956 Club Chairman in the South Side Division, Illinois-Indiana District, CP, attended four CP meetings from 4/18/56 to 7/2/56. WARD attended CP fund raising party held at her residence on 8/4/56. WARD appointed in 8/56 to the Resolutions Committee for the District Convention; made known her feelings that she wanted to be relieved of her job as club chairman and be only a rank and file CP member with no responsibilities. WARD relieved of her position as CP Club Chairman prior to 1/10/57.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The title is marked "changed" to reflect the deletion of ARLENE HOWARD which is a misspelling of the subject's true maiden name.

All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

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The Communist Party (CP), Socialist Workers Party (SWP), and Families of Smith Act Victims (FSAV) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations, utilized in this report, which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized on the attached appendix pages:

AFRO-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS
(AACCO)

CHICAGO JOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO DEFEAT THE
SMITH ACT (CJDC)

ILLINOIS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS (ICFP)

LIGHTFOOT DEFENSE COMMITTEE (LDC)

MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN
(MCPFB)

WASHINGTON PARK FORUM (WPF).

I. BACKGROUND

Present Residence and Employment

On May 20, 1957, JOSEPH RINGBAUER, 4325 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, custodian at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, advised SA PHILIP V. LIVINGSTON that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM who is a housewife, resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago.

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Past Employment

On May 31, 1957, Mr. JACK MONTGOMERY, Manager, Continental Baking Company, Wonder Bread Division, 41146 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, advised SA LIVINGSTON that ARLENE BRIGHAM was hired by the instant concern on October 16, 1956, and resigned on February 2, 1957, as a house to house sales demonstrator.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

ARLENE WARD attended section committee meetings of Section 3, South Side Division, Illinois - Indiana District, Communist Party (CP), USA, on April 18, 1956, May 2 and 7, 1956, and July 2, 1956, all held in Chicago.

T-1,
4/23/56 to
7/6/56

In the first half of 1956, the South Side Division of the CP in the Illinois - Indiana District had a re-organization meeting at which ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was assigned to deal with changes in the South Side Division.

T-2,
6/1/56

ARLENE WARD attended a CP Club fund raising party of Section 2, South Side Division, Illinois - Indiana CP District, held at her residence on August 4, 1956.

T-2,
8/9/56 and
T-3,
8/15/56

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On August 9, 1956, a current membership list concerning Section 3, South Side Division, Illinois - Indiana District, CP, USA, reflected ARLENE WARD is chairman of the "A. W. Club".

T-2,
8/9/56

On August 14, 1956, a District Board meeting of the Illinois - Indiana CP District convened in Chicago during which time several committees were set up to prepare for the District Convention. ARLENE WARD was one of the seven CP members appointed to the Resolutions Committee for the District Convention.

T-4,
8/14/56

It was mentioned at a Division Committee meeting of the South Side Division, Illinois - Indiana CP District, held on August 20, 1956, that ARLENE WARD had made known her feeling that she desired to be relieved of her job as a club chairman in the South Side Division and that she wanted only to be a rank and file CP member with no responsibilities.

T-1,
8/24/56

At a CP Club meeting of the South Side Division of the CP held on January 10, 1957, it was stated that ARLENE WARD, formerly a club chairman in the South Side Division, had her club members taken away from her and placed in another club in the South Side Division.

T-1,
1/14/57

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Afro-American Congress of
Christian Organizations (AACCO)

On August 11, 1956, ARLENE WARD participated in a picket line demonstration across from the main entrance to the International Amphitheater, Chicago, where the Democratic National Convention was in progress. The group which were all members of the AACCO marched under the name of the Afro-American Improvement Association.

T-5, an agency
which collects
security information
in the Chicago area
on 8/14/56

Chicago Joint Defense Committee
to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC)

On July 4, 1956, ARLENE WARD BRINGHAM attended the All Nations Press Picnic held at Santa Fe Park at 91st Street and Wolf Road, Chicago, sponsored jointly by the CJDC and the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB).

T-2,
7/5/56 and
T-6,
7/12/56

On December 1 and 2, 1956, ARLENE WARD attended the CJDC sponsored Civil Liberties Bazaar held in Chicago.

T-7,
12/11/56 and
T-5,
12/4/56

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Families of Smith
Act Victims (FSAV)

An envelope in the possession of LILLIAN GREEN was addressed to ARLENE WARD, 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Accompanying this envelope was a similar envelope addressed to Families of Smith Act Victims, 189 West Madison Street, Room 1102, Chicago 2, Illinois.

T-8,
5/8/56

It is to be noted that LILLIAN GREEN is the wife of former Communist fugitive, GILBERT GREEN.

Illinois Committee for
Freedom of the Press (ICFP)

On March 30, 1956, ARLENE WARD attended a Protest Rally sponsored by the ICFP held at Milda Hall, Chicago, which condemned the United States Treasury Department for its seizure of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker".

T-7,
4/2/56;
T-9,
4/12/56;
T-6,
4/9/56;
T-5,
4/2/56 and
T-10,
7/27/56

Lightfoot Defense Committee (LDC)

ARLENE WARD attended the LDC sponsored Birthday Party held February 18, 1956, for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT at the Sutherland Hotel at which LIGHTFOOT was the main speaker.

T-9,
2/24/56

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Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

On February 19, 1957, the Local Executive Committee of the Chicago Branch of the SWP held a meeting in Chicago at which members of the Chicago SWP Branch were designated to contact certain individuals in connection with the SWP Regroupment Program. Among those to be contacted was ARLENE WARD.

T-11,
2/20/57

Washington Park Forum (WPF)

ARLENE WARD attended a meeting of the WPF held on December 2, 1956.

T-12,
12/7/56

A P P E N D I X

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following organizations and/or publications, which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages:

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AFRO-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF
CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS (AACCO)

The Communist Party supplied \$100.00 on October 7, 1955, to Reverend CLARENCE W. HARDING for the purpose of publishing leaflets advertising an AACCO meeting. The informant stated that this money for the leaflets came from the Financial Committee of the Communist Party, USA, District Number 8.

The informant further advised that the Communist Party does not control the AACCO but that it will probably try to influence this organization.

**CHICAGO JOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEE
TO DEFEAT THE SMITH ACT**

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 17, 1956, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party in March, 1956. The purpose of the committee is to publicize, propagandize, and raise funds for all Chicago area defendants indicted under the Smith Act of 1940.

The CJDC is a broadened form of the defunct Lightfoot Defense Committee (LDC) which was formed by the Communist Party in the fall of 1954 to support CP leader CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT during his Smith Act trial. The leadership of the CJDC is identical to the former leadership of the LDC, the majority of whom are known to the source as current Communist Party members.

ILLINOIS COMMITTEE FOR
FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the Illinois Committee for Freedom of the Press (ICFP) was formed in the latter part of November, 1951, and then, as now, was composed of a band of Communist Party members and sympathizers who activate when fund raising drives and subscription campaigns are necessary for the welfare of "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker".

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast daily Communist newspaper, and "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

LIGHTFOOT DEFENSE COMMITTEE

On May 7, 1956 a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Lightfoot Defense Committee was formed in the fall of 1954 by the CP, for the purpose of publicizing the arrest of CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, USA, under the Smith Act of 1940, and to raise funds for his defense.

The Lightfoot Defense Committee continued to operate under the direction of the CP until March, 1956, at which time the CP broadened the scope of the organization and formed the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC), thereby dissolving the Lightfoot Defense Committee.

MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION
OF FOREIGN BORN (MCPFB)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 12, 1955 advised that the MCPFB was formed in the late 1940's and was at that time and up to May, 1955, the Midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 8, 1956 advised that the MCPFB has been since May, 1955 and still is the Midwest Organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Washington Park Forum (WPF)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 11, 1954, that the WPF started in the 1930's as a spontaneous group of unemployed persons interested in discussing current events. In the late 1930's the CP penetrated and took over the WPF. From 1936 through 1940, the CP penetration was so great that it secured control which it still maintains in the WPF.

Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during May, 1956, the WPF continued to function at Chicago. The WPF follows the CP line as carried in the "Daily Worker". The WPF continually extols the Soviet Union and is at all times critical of the domestic and foreign policies of the United States Government.

In December, 1956 the WPF continued functioning at Chicago, and was under the influence of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Illinois CP leader who has been convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. LIGHTFOOT has a technical membership in the WPF and through this membership and LIGHTFOOT's close association with the leadership of the WPF, the CP is in a position to influence the policy and activities of the WPF. During recent months the SWP has made a concerted effort to penetrate and influence the WPF and while SWP members have become active in the WPF, the SWP as yet has not achieved a dominant position in the WPF.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper. "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

The Communist Party (CP) and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM is included on the Security Index in the Chicago Office. Her Security Index card has been reviewed and an FD 122 is being submitted to reflect the necessary change concerning her employment.

Subject's file has been reviewed and it has been determined that the subject continues to meet the criteria for inclusion on the Security Index. A photograph of the subject is available.

WARD stated she was just waiting for agents to attempt to talk to her as she was really going to tell them off and if possible, create an incident of some kind.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>File No. Where Located</u>
T-1	4/18/56 ✓	100-23644-481
	5/2/56 ✓	100-23644-492
	5/7/56 ✓	100-23644-489
	7/2/56 ✓	100-23644-509
	8/20/56 ✓	100-23644-524
	1/10/57 ✓	100-23644-548

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T-2 [redacted]	1st half of 1956 ✓ 8/4/56 ✓ 8/9/56 ✓ 7/4/56 ✓	100-23644-496 100-23644-521 100-23644-522 100-23644-505
T-3 [redacted]	8/4/56 ✓	100-23644-518
T-4 CG 5824-S*	8/14/56 ✓ FOIA (b) (7) - (D)	100-23644-514
T-5 Security Unit, Chicago Police Department	8/14/56 ✓ 12/1 & 2/56 ✓ 3/30/56 ✓	100-23644-516 100-23644-546 100-23644-487
T-6 [redacted]	7/4/56 ✓ 3/30/56 ✓	100-23644-508 100-23644-480
T-7 [redacted]	12/1 & 2/56 ✓ 3/30/56 ✓	100-23644-545 100-23644-485
T-8 [redacted]	✓	100-23644-493
T-9 [redacted]	3/30/56 ✓ 2/18/56 ✓	100-23644-486 100-23644-483
T-10 ONI, CG	3/30/56 ✓	100-23644-515
T-11 [redacted]	2/19/57 ✓	100-23644-551
T-12 [redacted]	12/2/56 ✓	100-23644-543

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Identity of Organization
Characterized

Afro-American Congress of Christian
Organizations (AACCO) ✓

Chicago Joint Defense Committee to
Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) ✓

Illinois Committee for Freedom
of the Press (ICFP) ✓

Lightfoot Defense Committee (LDC) ✓

Midwest Committee for Protection
of Foreign Born (MCPFB) ✓

Washington Park Forum (WPF) ✓

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN J. SHERIDAN dated May 29, 1956, at
Chicago.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 17, 1957

FROM : Mr. Eames

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following paragraph is quoted from the Chicago letter to the Bureau dated June 19, 1957. (61-3176-1990)

PA "Rebulet to Chicago, captioned as above, dated May 14, 1957 requesting a current list of Communist Party (CP) members, Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members, Independent Socialist League (ISL) members and Young Socialist League (YSL) members who are presently active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at Chicago, Illinois."

To save preparation of index cards multilithed copies of this memo will be designated for the file on each person listed showing the same information as appears in original list.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved multilithed copies will be prepared for the main file for each individual listed in the Chicago letter referred to above.

COMMUNIST PARTY

<u>Name</u>	<u>NAACP Position</u>	<u>CP Position</u>	<u>Informant</u>
ARLENE WARD	MEMBER	MEMBER	CB 666-5

ORIGINAL FILED IN 61-3176-1990

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

DATE: 9-20-57

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644)

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, nee
Arlene Howard, was
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Card U.T.D.

9-27-57

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above-captioned individual.☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Sales Clerk, Howard Records, 925 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____ NOT RECORDED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ 23 SEP 23 1957

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI 100-401574

DATE: December 18, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO 100-23644

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, was.
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OO: CHICAGO

Card U.T.D. -
DEC 30 1957

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows. (specify change only):

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Aliases		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) (12:30 PM to 10:00PM) Sales Clerk, Howard Records, 925 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois.		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		NOT RECORDED
Residence Address _____		DEC 23 1957

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A. B. Howard

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 6/26/58	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/1, 8, 14, 29; 6/9, 10/58
TITLE OF CASE ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, nee, Arlene Howard, was., Mrs. Lonnie Brigham, Arlene Ward, Mrs. Sherman Ward		REPORT MADE BY JAMES P. BRODERICK	TYPED BY JAM
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C <i>posted 51 min</i>	

SYNOPSIS:

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, and is employed as a Sales Clerk, Howard Records, 925 East 55th Street. BRIGHAM reportedly attended Communist Party (CP) meeting, Chicago, approximately 1952 or 1953; CP member in Chicago, 1953 and 1956. WARD was member of South Side Division CP from approximately 1948 to 12/54, and CP Club Chairman during part of this period; reported as not being known as CP member since 1956, and informant believes BRIGHAM is no longer a member or active in CP. WARD reported not CP member as of 5/58. However, WARD indicated that as soon as the CP people stop fighting among themselves and get down to work for the Party, she will come back with the CP. WARD attended affairs sponsored by the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) 4/58, the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC), 3/57, and 7/57; Washington Park Forum (WPF), 4/57.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organizations have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

Communist Party, USA (CP)

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

The following organizations have not been characterized by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and are therefore characterized in the appendix section of this report:

Chicago Council of American -
Soviet Friendship (CCASF)

Chicago Joint Defense Committee
to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC)

Washington Park Forum (WPF)

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

Mr. WILLIAM CADY, Boenicke and Cady, Incorporated, Real Estate Company, 903 East 47th Street, advised SA JAMES P. BRODERICK on June 9, 1958, that ARLENE BRIGHAM resides in apartment number 1 West, 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Present Employment

It was ascertained under suitable pretext on June 9, 1958, that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM is a Sales Clerk for Howard Records, 925 East 55th Street, and works from 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Former Employment

Mr. JOSEPH RINGBAUER, 4325 South Ellis Avenue, who is Custodian for 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, advised SA PHILIP V. LIVINGSTON on May 20, 1957, that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was a housewife as of that date.

Criminal

The Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were reviewed on May 8, 1958, and reflected no additional information concerning ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM under her true name or known aliases.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP)

ARLENE WARD attended a Communist Party (CP) meeting held in Chicago, in approximately 1952 or 1953, at which a CP member, who was in the CP underground at that time, explained the evasive tactics he had used in getting to that meeting.

(T-1 3/27/57)

ARLENE WARD was a CP member in Chicago in late 1953.

(T-1 3/22/57)

ARLENE WARD was a member of the CP in Chicago, in 1956. Her present activities are not known.

(T-2 2/4/58)

A South Side Division Conference of the CP, Illinois District, was held on March 17, 1957. ARLENE BRIGHAM was mentioned at this meeting as a possible

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State Representative of the CP, Illinois District, but it was pointed out that she was presently inactive in the CP.

(T-3 4/2/57)

A CP meeting in the South Side Division, Illinois District, was held on March 19, 1957. A new member, ARLENE, was discussed at this meeting. ARLENE was described as an active CP member, although not assigned to any one Club, and as always having been a leader of any Club in which she has been a member.

(T-4 3/19/57)

At a South Side Division Committee meeting, CP of Illinois District, held on June 18, 1957, ARLENE WARD was mentioned as one of a number of CP members who have met with the Trotskyites.

(T-5 6/19/57)

ARLENE WARD attended a meeting of CP members and CP sympathizers which was held at WARD's home, 944 East 44th Street, on August 1, 1957.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss recent riots at Calumet Park, the entire racial situation in South Chicago in general and methods of correcting racial injustice.

(T-6 8/2/57)

It was learned that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT told ARLENE WARD in April, 1958, that he would like to get back down to a Club level in the CP and wanted ARLENE WARD to join the same Club with him.

(T-6 4/30/58)

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It is noted that T-7 advised on February 16, 1958, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, and Chairman of the CP of Illinois, as of that date.

Current Contact With Informants

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM has not been known as a member of the CP since 1956. It is believed that BRIGHAM is no longer a member of or active in the CP.

(T-5 5/14/58)

ARLENE WARD was a member of the South Side Division, CP, from approximately 1948, to December, 1954. She was a CP Club Chairman during part of this period.

(T-1 5/21/58)

ARLENE WARD was not a member of the CP as of May, 1958, however, WARD has indicated that as soon as the CP people stop fighting among themselves and get down to working for the Party, then she will come back into the CP.

(T- 6 5/13/58)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago Council of
American-Soviet Friendship
(CCASF)

ARLENE WARD attended a birthday party in honor of PAUL ROBESON on April 9, 1958, which was sponsored by the CCASF.

(T-8 4/14/58)

(T-9 4/14/58)

(T-3 4/14/58)

(T-10 4/17/58)

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It is noted that the July 15, 1949 edition of the "Washington Times-Herald", Washington, D.C. newspaper, carried an article entitled "Probers Told Robeson Is Veteran Red." This article reflects that MANNING JOHNSON, an ex-CP leader told a Committee of Congress on July 14, 1949, that PAUL ROBESON has been a member of the CP for many years. JOHNSON said that he has met ROBESON frequently at the CP Headquarters in New York, where ROBESON held secret meetings with EARL BROWDER, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JACK STACHEL and J. PETERS, all leading Communists.

Chicago Joint Defense
Committee to Defeat
The Smith Act (CJDC)

ARLENE WARD attended a birthday Ball to honor CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on his birthday, which was sponsored by the CJDC on March 23, 1957.

(T-10 3/27/57)
(T-9 4/18/57)
(T-11 5/27/57)

ARLENE BRIGHAM attended a picnic at Santa Fe Park which was sponsored by the CJDC on July 7, 1957.

(T-10 7/16/57)

Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

At a local Executive Committee meeting of the Chicago Branch of the SWP on May 26, 1957, there was a discussion concerning the SWP work in the CP. It was stated that the SWP would not be able to influence the top CP leadership, but would be able to influence some of the secondary CP members, such as ARLENE WARD.

(T-12 5/28/57)

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Washington Park Forum (WPF)

ARLENE WARD attended a party sponsored by the WPF which was held at her home on April 27, 1957. \$40.00 was raised at this party for the WPF.

(T-6 4/30/57)

Other Information
Pertaining To
ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

ARLENE WARD was a sponsor of an affair featuring Dr. HERBERT APTHEKER as speaker on June 16, 1957.

(T-13 6/19/57)
(T-9 6/20/57)

It is noted that HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1958, in the trial of the United States, vs., KUZMA, et al, for violation of the Smith Act in the United States District Court, Philadelphia. He testified that he was a member of the CP and had been a member of the CP since 1939. APTHEKER was a defense witness in the above mentioned case.

APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CCASF)

A source advised on May 7, 1957, that the CCASF since its inception in Chicago in the 1940's has never failed to propagandize for Russia and the Russian way of life. This source further advised that the CCASF has been using speakers who were known to the source as members of the Communist Party since the first meetings in the 1940's. The source advised that the program of the CCASF has always included speakers, movies, and pamphlets praising every aspect of Russia including its foreign policy and has been extremely critical of the United States' domestic and foreign policies.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CHICAGO JOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEE
TO DEFEAT THE SMITH ACT

A source advised on May 3, 1957, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956. The majority of the current leadership of the CJDC are known to the source as current CP members.

Another source on May 15, 1957, furnished a "Memorandum: Annual Budget Estimate - Summary" on the letterhead of the CJDC dated May 13, 1957. In summarizing the past work of this committee, it was stated that its work included "carrying the LIGHTFOOT case--first test of the Smith Act 'membership' provision--to the Supreme Court; assisting in defense of the rights of foreign born Americans; opposition to Congressional witchhunts; opposition to anti-labor laws; defense of civil rights; assistance to families of victims of political persecution."

The same letter listed the future work of the committee as including the "concentrating on helping develop an informational campaign on the Taft-Hartley "FEP, anti-labor bills, etc.," and in addition, the continuation of work on current Smith Act cases.

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WASHINGTON PARK FORUM (WPF)

A source advised on June 11, 1954, that the Washington Park Forum (WPF) started in the 1930's as a spontaneous group of unemployed persons interested in discussing current events. In the late 1930's the Communist Party (CP) penetrated and took over the WPF. From 1936 to 1940 the CP penetration was so great that it secured control which it still maintains in the WPF.

Another source advised in May, 1957, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana CP, had advised CP leaders that the CP in Illinois must make a concerted effort to regain control of the WPF which recently had been "taken over by Trotskyites."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644)

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, nee,
Arlene Howard, was.
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CC TO: ...
 REQ. REC'D...
 JUN 11 1965
 ANS. ...
 BY: ...

Enclosed herewith are four copies of the report of SA JAMES P. BRODERICK, at Chicago, dated and captioned as above, and four copies of a letterhead memorandum.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PHILIP V. LIVINGSTON, at Chicago, dated 6/17/57.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext used on June 9, 1958, to verify subject's employment was a telephone call to Howard Records by SA JAMES P. BRODERICK under guise of a customer purchasing records from WARD. An unidentified man advised that WARD was not presently in the store and that she was employed by Howard Records as a Sales Clerk, working from 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were checked by Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL.

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Source

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CP Meeting 1952 or 1953 ✓

CP Member, 1953 ✓

CP Membership, 1948 to 12/54 ✓

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3/17/57 ✓
4/9/58 ✓

T-4

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T-5

[Redacted]

6/18/57 ✓

Not known as CP Member. ✓

T-6

[Redacted]

8/1/57 ✓

4/58 ✓

CP Membership 5/58 ✓

4/27/57 ✓

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Characterization of
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. ✓

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data reported from T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6 and T-12 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

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WARD was reportedly a member of the CP, Chicago, in 1956.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-23644

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

June 26, 1958

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, nee,
Arbene Howard, was., Mrs.
Lonnie Brigham, Arlene Ward,
Mrs. Sherman Ward
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent James P. Broderick, dated and
captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

Confidential informants T-1 through
T-13, mentioned in referenced report, are
characterized as informants, who have furnished
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organizations in the appendix section of referenced
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI 100-401574

DATE: December 17, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO 100-23644

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Night Clerk, 11 PM to 7 AM, Women's Dormitory, University of Chicago, 5825 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility
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REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES P. BRODERICK dated June 26, 1958 at Chicago.

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CP Member, 1956.

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Report of: SA JOSEPH V. ROYER
Date: 6/5/59
File Number: CG 100-23644
BU 100-401574
Title: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
nee Arlene Howard, aka

Office: CHICAGO

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: ARLENE BRIGHAM resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois and is employed as night clerk at the New Women's Dormitory, University of Chicago. Presently considered a member of the South Side Section, CP of Illinois; however, she is in an inactive CP status and it is considered doubtful that she can be induced to reactivate. Subscriber to "The Worker", 1957.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following organization mentioned in this report has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

Communist Party, USA (CP)

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

Mr. WILLIAM CADY, Boenicke and Cady Real Estate, Incorporated, 903 East 47th Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 22, 1959 that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides at 944 East 44th Street, Apartment Number 1 West, Chicago, Illinois.

Employment

Mrs. MARJORIE RAVITTS, Residence Head, New Women's Dormitory, University of Chicago, 5825 South Woodlawn Avenue, advised SA KENNETH W. KAISER on May 21, 1959 that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM is employed as night clerk at the New Women's Dormitory on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

ARLENE WARD in June, 1958, stated that she was not going back into the CP at that time.
(CG T-1 June 25, 1958)

In August, 1958 the source set forth below learned that ARLENE WARD might come back into the CP and join the "Ultra Left" Club of the CP in Chicago.
(CG T-1, August 6, 1958)

In January, 1959 WARD was one of several individuals recently dropped out of the CP who were to be contacted in an effort to reactivate them in the CP.
(CG T-2, January 12, 1959)

At a CP meeting within the South Side Section CP of Illinois, held February, 1959, ARLENE WARD was named as an individual who would have to be personally contacted in an

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effort to reactivate her in the CP. It was considered doubtful, however, that she would consent to reactivate. (CG T-2, February 9, 1959)

In February, 1959, although in an inactive Party status, ARLENE WARD was considered to be a member of the 3rd and 4th Wards Club of the South Side Section CP of Illinois. At that time it was considered doubtful that she could be reactivated to the point of being a contributing club member. (CG T-3, February 18, 1959)

The following informants on the dates set forth below furnished substantially the same information as CG T-3 above, regarding the February, 1959 status of ARLENE WARD in the CP:

CG T-4, February 19, 1959
CG T-5, February 19, 1959
CG T-6, February 20, 1959

As of May, 1959, ARLENE WARD had not yet been contacted for reactivation in the CP of Illinois. This contact, however, was to be accomplished in the near future. It remained doubtful that she would consent to reactivation; however, even in view of her present inactive status she is considered a member of the 3rd and 4th Wards Club, South Side Section CP of Illinois. (CG T-2, May 18, 1959)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

"The Worker"

ARLENE WARD, 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Illinois, in 1957, was a subscriber to "The Worker". (CG T-7, August 18, 1958)

"The Worker" is a East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-23644

Chicago, Illinois

June 5, 1959

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM,
nee Arlene Howard,
also known as
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Joseph V. Royer dated and captioned as above.

All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : Director, FBI 100-401574

DATE: December 18, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO 100-23644

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka.
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) UNEMPLOYED		
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TITLE OF CASE ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, Aka.		Report made by JOSEPH C. STANLEY	Typed By: mec
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER-C	

Synopsis: **REFERENCE: Report of SA JOSEPH V. ROYER dated 6/5/59 at Chicago.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Records of the Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, were checked by Patrolman ELMER PRICE on June 13, 1960, and no information pertaining to WARD subsequent to May 7, 1958, was located.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

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Background (instant report, orally to SA JOSEPH C. STANLEY)

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of her CP activity, June, 1960.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA JOSEPH C. STANLEY
Date: June 27, 1960

Office: CHICAGO

File Number: CG 100-23644
BU 100-401574~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Title: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: WARD resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, and is unemployed. ✓ WARD present at March, 1960, fund raising party sponsored by South Side Section, Illinois Communist Party (CP), and in attendance at CP Club meetings in Chicago in May and June, 1960.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Communist Party, USA (CP), mentioned in this report has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR), mentioned in this report which has not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, is characterized on the attached appendix pages.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

CG T-1 advised on June 14, 1960, that ARLENE WARD resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Apartment 1West, and is unemployed. Until late 1959 WARD was employed as a night clerk at a dormitory at the University of Chicago campus on Chicago's south side. In May, 1960, WARD was hospitalized for a minor ear operation.

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Records of the Chicago Police Department, Records and Communications Section, were searched on June 13, 1960, by IC RAYMOND E. LYTTLE, and no record identifiable with WARD since May 7, 1958, was located.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH
THE CP, USA

In a discussion among leading CP functionaries in the Chicago area held in early January, 1960, ARLENE WARD was referred to as one of the CP members within the South Side Section of the Illinois District who was so confused that at present she did not know where she was in a political sense.

(CG T-1, 1/5/60)

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In the course of a visit to 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, the residence of ARLENE WARD, WARD was engaged in a conversation and described herself as a "Marxist" and questioned another person present on his views towards the subject. WARD was pleased to hear that this individual felt that the CP was the party of the future.

(CG T-2, 3/15/60)

ARLENE WARD was present at the fund raising party held March 26, 1960, on Chicago's south side and sponsored by the South Side Section of the Illinois CP District. Present also at this affair were leading CP functionaries from the Chicago area and representatives of the national CP leadership.

(CG T-3, 3/29/60)

CG T-4 and CG T-5 on March 28 and March 29, 1960, respectively, furnished information substantiating WARD's attendance at the above fund raising affair.

On May 26, 1960, WARD was present at a meeting of the Trojan Club, South Side Section of the Illinois CP. At this meeting she agreed to return formally to the CP and at this time accepted the position of Educational Director of the Trojan CP Club. She then invited the club to hold its next meeting at her residence.

(CG T-1, 5/31/60)

In early June, 1960, a meeting of the Trojan Club, South Side Section, Illinois CP, was held at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, the residence of ARLENE WARD. WARD was among those in attendance at this meeting, as was a representative of the Illinois CP District leadership who was present to lead an educational discussion regarding the recent Summit Conference.

This latter individual stated that the failure of the summit was due to the small group of monopoly capitalists who controlled the United States Government and to the influence of the Pentagon on Government policies. It was stated additionally that the Party plans a long-range program

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to educate the masses in this country to the truth of the current world situation, indicating that wherever there is a mass movement of any kind the Party would be there, not in name but giving guidance so that when the time was right the Party could come out in its own name.

(CG T-1, 6/9/60)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Afro-American Heritage Association (AAHA)

CG T-6 advised in June, 1959, that the AAHA at that time had been designated by the Illinois CP as a point of concentration in the CP campaign to penetrate "right-led" mass organizations.

WARD was present on May 4, 1959, at a rally sponsored by the above organization regarding the recent lynching of MACK CHARLES PARKER in Mississippi.

(CG T-7, 5/6/59)

Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR)

WARD was present at the All Nations Picnic held July 4, 1959, in Chicago, sponsored by the CCDDR.

(CG T-1, 7/10/59)

The name ARLENE WARD, 941 East 44th Street, Chicago, was in the possession of the CCDDR in August, 1959.

(CG T-8, 8/25/59;
CG T-9, 8/25/59)

APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following organizations and/or publications, which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages.

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**CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS,
formerly known as the Chicago Joint Defense
Committee to Defeat the Smith Act**

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A second source advised on July 17, 1958, that at a working conference of the CJDC held on June 8, 1958, at Chicago, the name of the CJDC was changed to the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR). The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization", is to "... defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights. . . and to put an end to the political and racial persecutions which threaten American democracy today." Officers of the CCDDR elected at this conference were Chairman, LEON KATZEN, and "paid Executive Secretary", RICHARD CRILEY, both of whom were officers of the CJDC. As of May, 1959, this organization continued to function within the framework of its stated principles. Working committees affiliated with the CCDDR in 1958 and 1959, in accordance with the CCDDR's Statement of Principles and Organization, included a welfare committee for the families of Smith Act victims and a committee to work for Taft-Hartley defendants.

LEON KATZEN was identified by a third source as a member of the CP in March, 1959.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a fourth source, as of March 1959, was a member of the Illinois CP State Committee.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

June 27, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Joseph C. Stanley dated and captioned as above.

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SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka
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On September 20, 1960, [] who has
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644)

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, Aka.
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Re Chicago letter dated 9/22/60.

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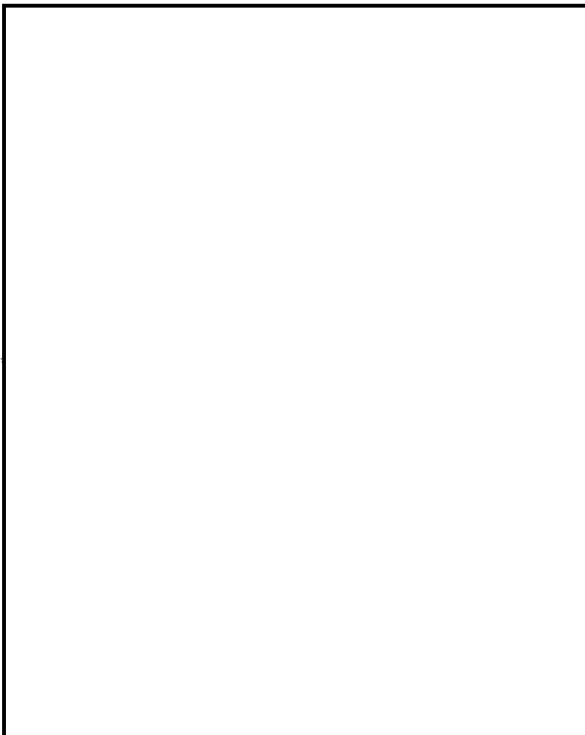
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Organization

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the Bill of Rights

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Public Source

**Chicago Committee to Defend
Democratic Rights**

"Political Affairs"

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7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)
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of her CP activity, March, 1961.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA ROBERT F. BARRY
Date: 6/27/61

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 100-23644

Bureau File No.: 100-401574

Title:

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

WARD resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, and is unemployed. During the period 5/60 through 3/61, WARD attended meetings of the Trojan Club, South Side Section, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois; meetings of the South Side Club, which was formed on 11/18/60 and encompassed all the clubs formerly part of the South Side Section; and was also elected Vice Chairman of the South Side Club at this meeting.

WARD's name was in the possession of the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) in August, 1960; attended a 2 day Midwest Conference of "The Worker" in November, 1960.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Communist Party, USA (CP), mentioned in this report, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organization and publication, mentioned in this report, which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized hereinafter.

Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR)

"Political Affairs"

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

WARD resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, apartment 1 West, and is unemployed.

(CG T-1)

Criminal

Records of the Chicago Police Department, Records and Communications Section, were reviewed on June 6, 1961, by Investigative Clerk JAMES E. CHRISTENSEN, JR. This review failed to reflect any record identifiable with WARD since June 13, 1960.

**II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP)**

During the period June, 1960, through February, 1961, WARD attended four meetings of the Trojan Club, South Side Section, CP of Illinois; two meetings of the general membership of the South Side Section, CP of Illinois;

[redacted] and two meetings of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

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During the meeting of the Trojan Club held in August, 1960, a discussion was held on the reorganization of the South Side Section. WARD stated during this discussion that once the club is formed a course on basic Marxism should be given to the members.

During the general membership meeting of the South Side Section held in November, 1960, it was voted to merge all the clubs into one club which would be named the South Side Club, CP of Illinois. In addition during this meeting the election of club officers took place and WARD was elected Vice Chairman of the South Side Club. 8-17

(CG T-1)

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During the period September, 1960, through January, 1961, WARD attended two meetings of the general membership of the South Side Section;

and one meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

During the meeting of the South Side Club held in December, 1960, CP registration forms were filled out by those present. WARD furnished the following information on the form she filled out.

Age	39
Sex	Female
Length of Time in Party	20 years
Occupation	Housewife
Union Affiliation	None
National Origin	Afro-American
Attends Meetings	Regularly
Dues Paid up to	
End of Year	Yes

Reads "The Worker" and "Political Affairs".

(CG T-2)

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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During the period May, 1960, through February, 1961, WARD attended four meetings of the Trojan Club, South Side Section; two meetings of the general membership of the South Side Section; two meetings of the South Side Club

(CG T-3)

During the period May, 1960, through February, 1961, WARD attended three meetings of the Trojan Club, South Side Section; one meeting of the general membership of the South Side Section; one meeting of the South Side Club

(CG T-4)

During the period June, 1960, through February, 1961, WARD attended four meetings of the Trojan Club, South Side Section; two meetings of the general membership of the South Side Section and two meetings of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-5)

During the period November, 1960, through March, 1961, WARD attended one meeting of the general membership of the, South Side Section and three meetings of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-6)

During the period November, 1960, through February, 1961, WARD attended one meeting of the general membership of the South Side Section and two meetings of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-7)

During the period November, 1960, through February, 1961, WARD attended one meeting of the general membership of the South Side Section and two meetings of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-8)

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During the period September, 1960, through February, 1961, WARD attended two meetings of the general membership of the South Side Section; one meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois, and a social gathering held in Chicago honoring ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Vice Chairman, CP, USA, which was attended by female members of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-9)

During the period September, 1960, through December, 1960, WARD attended two meetings of the general membership of the South Side Section and one meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-10)

During November and December, 1960, WARD attended one meeting of the general membership of the South Side Section and one meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-11)

In January, 1961, WARD attended a social gathering in Chicago honoring ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN which was attended by female members of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-12)

On March 22, 1961, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Vice Chairman, CP, USA, and Chairman of the CP of Illinois, stated that he attended a meeting on the South Side and could not understand some of the discussion there. He said that ARLENE WARD thinks she herself is going to rebuild the Party on the South Side.

(CG T-13)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago Committee to Defend
Democratic Rights (CCDDR)

During August, 1960, the name ARLENE WARD, 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, was in the possession of the CCDDR.

(CG T-11)

"The Worker"

WARD attended a two day Midwest Conference of "The Worker" held on November 12 and 13, 1960, in Chicago.

(CG T-1)

Other Information Concerning
the Subject

On September 10, 1960, WARD attended a gathering held at the home of GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT to hear a discussion regarding LIGHTFOOT's recent trip to the Soviet Union.

(CG T-1)
(CG T-14)
(CG T-15)

As of September, 1960, GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

(CG T-16)

In October, 1960, it was learned that WARD along with at least three other individuals met with two attaches supposedly from the Soviet Union in October, 1960.

(CG T-9)

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR), maintains headquarters in Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source advised in July, 1960, that key leaders of the Communist Party (CP) met with RICHARD CRILEY, the then Executive Secretary of the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR), and a member of the Civil Liberties Commission, CP of Illinois. At this meeting, CRILEY indicated that the climate in the United States on civil liberties and civil rights issues had changed to the extent that it was now possible to proceed to form an organization with broader mass support than the present CCDDR. By so doing, CRILEY believed that people who would not associate themselves with the CCDDR because of the narrow scope of the purposes of this organization, that is, defense of Smith Act victims, Taft-Hartley victims, etc., would join a Civil Liberties and Civil Rights organization built around a broader issue, such as the Abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The CP leaders, after receiving assurance from CRILEY that any new organization that might evolve would protect the Party interests in the same manner as the old CCDDR, authorized CRILEY to proceed with his plan to form a broader organization than the CCDDR.

A second source advised on October 31, 1960, that a new organization known as the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was formally launched in Chicago at a meeting on October 26, 1960. The stated primary purpose of the new organization was to seek the abolition of the HCUA, and RICHARD CRILEY was named as its Executive Secretary, after having been the guiding force in arranging the October 26, 1960 meeting.

The first source, in October, 1960, advised that CRILEY again attended a meeting of Illinois District CP leadership on October 28, 1960, at which time he reported on the organizational meeting of the CCDBR. CRILEY stated that the immediate purpose of his organization is to obtain mass support to abolish the HCUA, but the new Committee purposes will also include defense of Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there will be no formal affiliation with any national organization of similar purpose; however, the CCDBR, according to CRILEY, will consult and have liaison with national organizations having the same purpose. According to the source, the CP leadership agreed with the general direction of the CCDBR as outlined by CRILEY.

The second source advised on February 8, 1961, that the CCDBR continues to adhere to the same aims and purposes and operates under the same leadership.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS
Formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee
to Defeat the Smith Act

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A second source advised on July 17, 1958, that at a working conference of the CJDC held on June 8, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, the name of the CJDC was changed to the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR). The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was todefend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights and to put an end to the political and racial persecutions which threaten American democracy today."

The second source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continued to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee, and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

This same source advised on February 8, 1961, that the CCDDR continued to operate until October 26, 1960 when the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) was formed and the offices and assets of what was formerly the CCDDR were taken over by the CCDBR. At the October 26, 1960 meeting, a referendum for approval of the above described action was called for, and subsequently, votes were solicited from "associates" of the old CCDDR. The source further advised that no formal dissolution meeting of the CCDDR was ever held, but for all intents and purposes the CCDDR ceased to exist on October 26, 1960, and the new CCDBR has functioned under the guidance of RICHARD CRILEY, its Executive Secretary, since that time.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a third source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of February, 1961.

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"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

The April, 1960, issue of "Political Affairs" identified itself as "A Theoretical and Political Magazine of Scientific Socialism."

While under direct examination as a defense witness in the case of the "United States versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al.," Criminal Docket C 136-7, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, on October 20, 1952, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN testified that "Political Affairs" is the theoretical organ of the Communist Party of the United States and has been so since the magazine was "set up" in 1945.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its issue dated January 3, 1960, identified ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party of the United States.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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To

☒ Director

Att.

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Date

7/18/61

FILE #

CG 100 - 23644

Title

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign.....Reassign.....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline.....

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☒ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

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☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials

to

☐ Submit new charge-out

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Re report of SA ROBERT F. BARRY dated 6/27/61 at CG.
Details, page 3, par 2, line 2 should be corrected
to read "South Side Section held on November
November 18, 1960, it was noted"
CG copies have been corrected.

SAC

J. H. GALE

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Office

CHICAGO

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

DATE: September 8, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644)

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
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OO: CHICAGO

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Rerep SA ROBERT F. BARRY, dated 6/27/61,
at Chicago.

On 8/30/61, [redacted] who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised that the
captioned subject is a housewife, not gainfully
employed.

An FD 122 has been submitted reflecting
the change in employment.

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1 - Chicago
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Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-401574)

September 8, 1961

CHICAGO (100-23644)

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka.
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Housewife.		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address _____		

② - Bureau
1 - Chicago
RFB:gmf (3)
REGISTERED MAIL

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Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-401574)

March 8, 1962

SAC, CHICAGO 100-23644

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Student, University of Chicago, 5801 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address		

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Billings Hospital, Department of Pathology, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois.		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address		

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1-Chicago
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 7/13/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/25 - 7/12/62
TITLE OF CASE ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA ROBERT F. BARRY	TYPED BY rmh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT F. BARRY, dated 6/27/61,
at Chicago.

INFORMANTSIdentity of Source

CG T-1
Mrs. SEDELLE GUTTMAN
Senior Research Clerk,
Personnel Office, University
of Chicago, 956 East 58th
Street, Chicago
(requested)

Location

Instant report - orally to
SA PAUL R. S. YATES

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

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CG T-2

Residence - instant report, orally
to SA JOSEPH C. STANLEY

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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DATE FWD.	7/27/62		
HOW FWD.	15	39	
BY	<i>[Signature]</i>	JUL 30 1962	

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Identity of Source

Location

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CG T-3
Mrs. JOSEPHINE WESTON
Receptionist, Office of the
Registrar, University of
Chicago
(requested)

Instant report, orally to
SA WALTER A. BOYLE

CG T-4




CG T-5



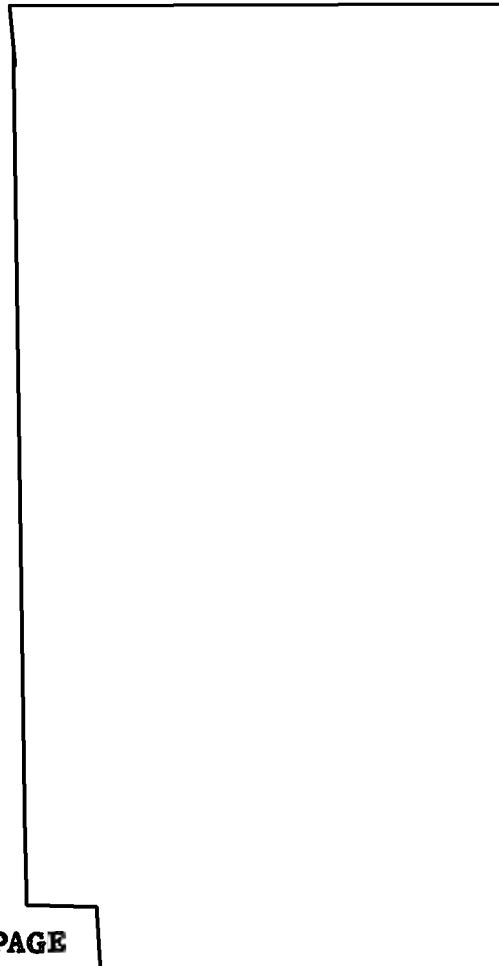
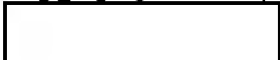
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Division, Bureau of
Inspectional Services,
Chicago PD, Chicago, Illinois

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Characterization of CLAUDE
LIGHTFOOT

Characterization of NALC

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

Organization

Source

Chicago Committee to Defend
Democratic Rights

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Chicago Committee to Defend
the Bill of Rights

Chicago Home and Employment
Council

Foster Memorial Committee

South Side Freedom Committee

South Side Social Science
Council

Washington Park Forum

CG 5824-S*

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7. ☒ This report is classified "**confidential**" because (state reason) **data reported by CG T-2, CG T-4 thru CG T-8 and CG T-10 thru CG T-14 could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.**
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
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☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of: **SA ROBERT F. BARRY**
Date: **7/13/62**Office: **Chicago, Illinois**Field Office File No.: **100-23644**Bureau File No.: **100-401574**Title: **ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM**

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Character: **SECURITY MATTER - C**

Synopsis:

BRIGHAM resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, and is employed as an apprentice histology technician, Department of Pathology, Billings Hospital, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago. BRIGHAM attended meetings of the South Side Club, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, during March, April, May and June, 1961.

BRIGHAM attended numerous meetings of the Chicago Home and Employment Council (CHEC) during the period March, 1961, through November, 1961. In March, 1961, she was elected a Vice President of the CHEC. BRIGHAM attended the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER Memorial Service held in October, 1961, which was sponsored by the Foster Memorial Committee; attended a meeting of the South Side Social Science Council on 12/15/61 and attended a meeting of the Washington Park Forum on 2/18/62.

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DETAILS:

The following organizations mentioned in this report which have not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the latter pages of this report:

Chicago Home and Employment Council (CHEC)

Foster Memorial Committee

South Side Social Science Council (SSSSC)

Washington Park Forum (WPF)

I. BACKGROUND

Employment

BRIGHAM is employed as an apprentice histology technician, Department of Pathology, Billings Hospital, 950 East 59th Street. She has been employed in this position since March 26, 1962.

(CG T-1, 7/12/62)

Residence

BRIGHAM resides at 944 East 44th Street, Chicago, Apartment 1 West.

(CG T-2, 7/11/62)

Education

BRIGHAM took a course in anatomy during the Winter, 1962, quarter, at the University of Chicago as a student at large.

(CG T-3, 6/29/62)

Criminal

The records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were reviewed on July 3, 1962, by IC JAMES E. CHRISTENSEN, JR. This review failed to

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reflect any record identifiable with BRIGHAM since June 6, 1961.

**II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)**

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Community Action Committee of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois, which was held at her residence on February 18, 1961.

(CG T-4, 2/21/61)

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois, held on March 21, 1961. During this meeting BRIGHAM made the comment that the CP Club members should read "The Worker" and interest other people in joining the CP for the purpose of helping the working people. She commented that different approaches have to be used in 1961 than were used in 1929 to interest the people in the CP because times have changed and people think differently now.

(CG T-5, 4/3/61)

Substantially the same information concerning the March 21, 1961, meeting was furnished by CG T-6 on March 24, 1961; CG T-7 on March 29, 1961; and CG T-8 on April 24, 1961.

"The Worker" is an East Coast communist weekly newspaper.

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois, held on April 18, 1961. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was the special guest at the meeting and he led an educational discussion on the Cuban situation.

(CG T-9, 4/20/61)

Substantially the same information concerning the April 18, 1961, meeting was furnished by CG T-7 on May 1, 1961; CG T-5 on May 3, 1961; CG T-10, May 2, 1961; CG T-11 on April 27, 1961; CG T-4, April 20, 1961; CG T-2 on April 21, 1961; and CG T-6 on April 24, 1961.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is Vice Chairman of the CP-USA and Chairman of the CP of Illinois.

(CG T-12, 4/61)

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On April 27, 1961, BRIGHAM stated that she is definitely committed to attend a Party training school and that when this is completed she will be a Party representative on the South Side. She stated that at the present time she did not know when she will receive her instructions concerning this school but has agreed to advise certain other persons so that a quiet party can be arranged for her prior to her departure.

(CG T-2, 5/2/61)

On April 27, 1961, BRIGHAM was heard to comment that she had entered the CP in 1930 and that her whole family had been in the Party and had indoctrinated her.

(CG T-9, 5/2/61)

On May 1, 1961, BRIGHAM stated that the Party school which she was to attend in New York City had been indefinitely postponed because the existence of it has come to the attention of the public through WALTER WINCHELL.

(CG T-2, 5/2/61)

During a social affair held on May 6, 1961, at the Sutherland Hotel, Chicago, BRIGHAM got exceedingly intoxicated and climbed on a table and proclaimed in a loud voice that she was a communist.

(CG T-9, 5/9/61)

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois, held on May 16, 1961, in Chicago.

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(CG T-8, 5/29/61)

BRIGHAM attended a meeting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The main item on the agenda for this meeting was an evaluation of the work of the South Side Club since its organization in the Fall of 1960. All those present agreed that one of the Club's big weaknesses was the fact that few, if any, of the sub-committees set up have functioned and that only one, the Political Action Committee, has operated with any degree of effectiveness.

(CG T-2, 5/26/61)

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Substantially the same information concerning the [redacted] meeting was furnished by CG T-9 on May 25, 1961.

BRIGHAM attended a Marxist class sponsored by the South Side CP Youth Club on May 26, 1961, at 6916 South Vernon Avenue, Chicago.

(CG T-10, 6/5/61)

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the South Side Club, CP of Illinois, held on June 20, 1961. At this meeting the Club Chairman discussed the recent Supreme Court ruling on the McCarran and Smith Acts. Following his report several of the members present voiced their opinions. BRIGHAM commented that the Party's position is vague and does not spell out a concrete program. She said that the question of the legality of the Party is not a new one as LENIN pointed out that the CP has always been illegal insofar as the imperialists are concerned. BRIGHAM contended that our objective is to prepare the masses for socialism and this can only be done by teaching Marxism-Leninism.

(CG T-8, 6/28/61)

Substantially the same information concerning the June 20, 1961, meeting was furnished by CG T-4 on June 22, 1961; CG T-9 on June 21, 1961; CG T-13 on June 26, 1961; CG T-11 on June 27, 1961; CG T-6 on June 21, 1961; and CG T-2 on June 26, 1961.

On June 24, 1961, BRIGHAM made various comments which were critical of the current Party instructions which indicate that the Party was considering changing its name and the tempo of its activities. BRIGHAM felt that now was the time to come out strongly for Marxist and Leninist principles in this critical period in spite of the Party decisions to the contrary. BRIGHAM entered into a rather heated argument over the merits of the Party decision to more or less lay low temporarily while some permanent policy was being resolved.

(CG T-9, 6/27/61)

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On November 9, 1961, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT instructed one of the members of the South Side Club to make reservations at the Sutherland Hotel for November 11, 1961. This reservation is to be made under a fictitious name a the preceding day and that when it is done ARLENE BRIGHAM is to be advised of the name to be used for registering for the room and also the room number. She then will notify LIGHTFOOT as to the room number being reserved.

(CG T-2, 11/14/61)

On November 11, 1961, ARLENE BRIGHAM registered at the Sutherland Hotel under the name of JONES and was given Room Number 727.

(CG T-2, 11/14/61)

On November 11, 1961, a meeting of CP members attending the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) Convention being held in Chicago met at the Sutherland Hotel, Room 727. ARLENE BRIGHAM was observed in the room; however, she left just prior to the time the meeting got underway.

(CG T-14, 11/12/61)

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CG T-15 advised during February, 1960, that the NALC has been a point of concentration for the purposes of infiltration by the CP, USA, since February, 1960. This policy of the CP, USA, is in accord with the overall CP policy of organizing on a national basis a CP drive on the Negro question in the trade union, voter and mass organizational field in general.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago Home and Employment Council

During the period March 30, 1961, through July 27, 1961, BRIGHAM attended eleven meetings of the CHEC.

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During the period April 13, 1961, through July 29, 1961, BRIGHAM attended 13 meetings of the CHEC and two fund raising affairs sponsored by the CHEC.

(CG T-9, 4/14/61 through 8/2/61)

During the period May 5, 1961, through November 30, 1961, BRIGHAM attended seven meetings of the CHEC and one social affair sponsored by the CHEC.

(CG T-11, 5/12/61 through 12/6/61)

During the period March 23, 1961, through November 30, 1961, BRIGHAM attended 17 meetings of the CHEC and two social affairs sponsored by the CHEC. During the meeting of the CHEC held on March 23, 1961, BRIGHAM was elected a Vice President of the organization.

(CG T-2, 3/29/61 through 12/6/61)

During the period April 19, 1961, through October 28, 1961, BRIGHAM attended five meetings of the CHEC and three fund raising functions sponsored by the CHEC.

(CG T-4, 4/20/61 through 10/31/61)

During the period April 13, 1961, through November 30, 1961, BRIGHAM attended five meetings of the CHEC.

(CG T-8, 4/24/61 through 12/18/61)

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the CHEC on June 29, 1961, and a fund raising affair sponsored by the CHEC on July 29, 1961.

(CG T-7, 7/6/61 and 8/4/61)

BRIGHAM attended a fund raising affair sponsored by the CHEC on July 29, 1961.

(CG T-14, 8/7/61)

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BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the CHEC held on
June 16, 1961.

(CG T-6, 6/20/61)

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Foster Memorial Committee

ARLENE BRIGHAM attended the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER memorial service held on October 14, 1961, at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, which was sponsored by the Foster Memorial Committee.

(CG T-2, 10/18/61)
(CG T-4, 10/16/61)
(CG T-5, 10/19/61)
(CG T-7, 10/17/61)
(CG T-16, 10/20/61)
(CG T-17, 10/17/61)

South Side Social Science Council

ARLENE BRIGHAM was present at a meeting of the South Side Social Studies Circle held on December 15, 1961, in Chicago.

(CG T-8, 1/9/62)

Washington Park Forum

ARLENE BRIGHAM was present at a meeting of the Washington Park Forum which was held on February 18, 1962, at 306 East 43rd Street. The main speaker at this meeting was CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

(CG T-18, 2/20/62)

Other Information Concerning the Subject

Source advised that ARLENE BRIGHAM appears to be the person in Chicago who handles the correspondence regarding individuals who desire to travel to Cuba without a passport. She handles all the mailing involved and is aware of the addresses of the individuals who are also instrumental in providing the transportation to Cuba. It is understood that these individuals who have traveled to Cuba or who plan to go, realize that they cannot return to the United States.

(CG T-2, 11/14/61)

**CHICAGO HOME AND EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL, Aka.
Chicago Unemployment and Housing Council**

A source advised on March 9, 1961, that around mid-March, 1961, at a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CP), CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a member of this Committee, stated that during March, 1961, the CP called together a meeting in Chicago to set up an unemployment organization. LIGHTFOOT stated, "I suppose I was the organizer of the meeting." LIGHTFOOT stated that in this organization there would be known communists working with non-communists.

A second source advised on March 24, 1961, that during March, 1961, LIGHTFOOT stated that the Unemployment Council in Chicago had a four-fold program as follows:

1. Legislative fight and all things encompassed therein.
2. Servicing grievances.
3. Housing and tenant problems.
4. High cost of living.

During May, 1961, a third source advised that during March, 1961, the Chicago Unemployment and Housing Council (CUHC), a membership organization with headquarters at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was conceived, organized and arranged by the South Side Club of the CP of Illinois in conjunction with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the CP of Illinois.

During December, 1961, this organization was incorporated in the State of Illinois under the name Chicago Home and Employment Council (CHEC).

A fourth source advised during May, 1962, members of the CHEC voted to dissolve their organization and effect a merger with the South Side Freedom Committee (SSFC). On May 16, 1962, members of the former CHEC and SSFC, most of whom are CP members, met and decided to merge the organizations into a yet unnamed new organization whose aims and purposes are still in the formulative stage. This new organization will maintain no headquarters but will meet in the homes of members.

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FOSTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Source advised on September 26, 1961, that the Foster Memorial Committee was organized in Chicago on September 19, 1961. The purpose of this Committee was to handle details of the burial and memorial service of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, deceased Chairman Emeritus of the Communist Party, USA (CP), who had recently passed away in Moscow, Russia. The source advised the CP organized this Committee so that the CP would not be identified directly with it, however, source advised the CP in fact was organizing and running the entire affair.

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SOUTH SIDE FREEDOM COMMITTEE

A source advised in February, 1961, that the South Side Freedom Committee (SSFC) was formed in the fall of 1959 as a committee within the now defunct Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) to work for the democratic rights of all peoples as set forth in the Constitution in the Bill of Rights of the United States. In December, 1960, SSFC commenced operating independently for the purpose of promoting open occupancy legislation as well as working for the betterment of democratic rights of all peoples with emphasis on the Negro race inasmuch as "their rights are most often violated". The SSFC comprises a small membership among whom are several Communist Party (CP) of Illinois members. It maintains no headquarters but transacts business through a post office box in Chicago, Illinois. Meetings of this organization are held in the homes of its members. At the present time, ANNA MORGAN controls the operations of the SSFC.

A second source advised in March, 1961, that ANNA MORGAN was then a member of the CP of Illinois.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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**CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC
RIGHTS, formerly known as the Chicago Joint
Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act**

A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A second source advised on July 17, 1958, that at a working conference of the CJDC held on June 8, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, the name of the CJDC was changed to the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR). The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was to "...defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights...and to put an end to the political and racial persecutions which threaten American democracy today."

The second source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continues to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee, and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

This same source advised on February 8, 1961, that the CCDDR continued to operate until October 26, 1960, when the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) was formed and the offices and assets of what was formerly the CCDDR were taken over by the CCDBR. At the October 26, 1960, meeting, a referendum for approval of the above described action was called for, and subsequently votes were solicited from "associates" of the old CCDDR. The source further advised that no formal dissolution meeting of the CCDDR was ever held, but for all intents and purposes, the CCDDR ceased to exist on October 26, 1960, and the new CCDBR has functioned under the guidance of RICHARD CRILEY, its Executive Secretary, since that time.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a third source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of February, 1961.

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**CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS**

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Suite 424, 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source advised in July, 1960, that RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the Civil Liberties Commission, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, met with key leaders of the CP of Illinois and discussed with them the fact that the climate in the United States on civil liberties and civil rights issues had changed to the extent that it was now possible to proceed to form a new organization with broad mass support. By doing so, CRILEY believed that people who would not associate themselves with an organization of narrow scope would join a civil liberties and civil rights organization built around a broader issue such as the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The CP leaders, after receiving assurance from CRILEY that any new organization that might evolve would protect the Party interests, authorized CRILEY to proceed with his plan to form a broader organization.

A second source advised on October 31, 1960, that a new organization known as the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was formally launched in Chicago at a meeting on October 26, 1960. The stated primary purpose of the new organization was to seek the abolition of the HCUA, and RICHARD CRILEY was named as its Executive Secretary, after having been the guiding force in arranging the October 26, 1960, meeting.

The first source, in October, 1960, advised that CRILEY again attended a meeting of the Illinois District CP leadership on October 28, 1960, at which time he reported on the organizational meeting of the CCDBR. CRILEY stated that the immediate purpose of his organization is to obtain mass support to abolish the HCUA, but the new Committee purposes will also include defense of Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there will be no formal affiliation with any national organization of similar purpose; however, the CCDBR, according to CRILEY, will consult and have liaison with national organizations having the same purpose. According to the source, the CP leadership agreed with the general direction of the CCDBR as outlined by CRILEY.

A third source advised on May 3, 1962, that the CCDBR continues to adhere to the same aims and purposes and operates under the same leadership.

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SOUTH SIDE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL,
Also known as South Side Social Studies Circle

The South Side Social Science Council was originated as the South Side Social Studies Circle during the Fall of 1961 by the South Side Communist Party (CP) Club. This was at the instigation of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, who felt that since the general membership of the Club was no longer to meet as a CP Club, they should be afforded some type of meeting to keep them somewhat familiar with Party affairs. Meetings of the South Side Social Science Council are attended by these above individuals as well as the "broad masses". The discussions revolve around Marxism and current problems such as housing and unemployment.

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WASHINGTON PARK FORUM, Also Known
as Washington Park Open Forum

A source advised on June 11, 1954, that the Washington Park Forum (WPF) started in the 1930s as a spontaneous group of unemployed persons interested in discussing current events. In the late 1930s, the Communist Party (CP) penetrated and took over the WPF. From 1936 to 1940, the CP penetration was so great that it secured and maintained control of the WPF at that time.

A second source advised in May, 1957, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana CP, had advised CP leaders that the CP in Illinois must make a concerted effort to regain control of the WPF, which recently had been "taken over by Trotskyites".

A third source advised on May 15, 1962, that the CP is currently active in the WPF, using it as a platform to implement its program, however, there is no clear-cut control of the WPF by the CP or any organization. The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in the past had used the WPF to implement its program; however, in recent months there has been little or no apparent SWP interest and/or activity in the WPF.

The CP, USA and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
July 13, 1962

Title	ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	Report of Special Agent Robert F. Barry dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: August 30 1962

Jaw FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

Re: Arlene Ward Brigham

FBI#: 100-401574

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Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-401574)

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-401574)

DATE: November 6, 1962

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REFERENCES

Chicago report of SA ROBERT F. BARRY dated 7/13/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It should be noted that information furnished in attached report regarding the meeting addressed by comedian DICK GREGORY at which BRIGHAM indicated her desire to attend a demonstration in Springfield, Illinois, was furnished to the Bureau; since no indication BRIGHAM attended, no description or characterization of this meeting is contained in this report.

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Residence of ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
Orally to SA JOSEPH C. STANLEY, page 2
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Employment of ARLENE
WARD BRIGHAM
Orally to SA WALTER A. BOYLE,
page 2, instant report.

CG T-3,

Mrs. JOSEPHINE WESTON
Receptionist, Office of
Registrar, University
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Information regarding
education of ARLENE
WARD BRIGHAM

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FRANK HEIMOSKI,
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Characterization of SAM
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Characterization of LOU DISKIN;
Characterization of ISHMAEL
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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) _____

information furnished from sources contained in attached report, including CG T-1 and T-5 through T-15, could reasonably result in identification of one or more informants of continuing value, and compromise their future effectiveness.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____

of statement made in past to effect that she was waiting for Bureau agents to try to interview her in order that she could create an incident of some kind. There is no indication in file of change in attitude, and interview at this time not recommended.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____ of her CP activity, December, 1960, and attendance at CP meeting in May, 1963.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA GERALD H. KEDDINGTON
Date: August 15, 1963

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File No.: 100-23644

Bureau File No.: 100-401574

Title: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides ⁷¹¹ ~~544~~ East ^{83rd} ~~40th~~ Street, Chicago, and is employed at the Billings Hospital, University of Chicago, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago. WARD attended a meeting in May, 1962, which featured GUS HALL as the principal speaker, and during the same month she attended a social affair sponsored by the Communist Party (CP). In June, 1962, she attended meeting addressed by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. In July, 1962, she attended a meeting called for discussion of a problem confronting one of the delegates from Chicago to the 8th World Youth Festival. Others present at this meeting included members of the South Side CP Club. In May, 1963, BRIGHAM attended meeting of the South Side CP Club of Illinois.

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DETAILS:

The following organizations not cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the appendix section attached to this report:

Chicago Home and Employment Council;

U.S. Festival Committee (8th World Youth Festival);

U.S. Festival Committee (8th World Youth Festival), Chicago Chapter.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

As of August 6, 1963, subject resided at ⁷¹¹~~811~~ East ^{83rd}~~44th~~ Street.

(CG T-1, 8/6/63)

Employment

As of August 9, 1963, ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM continued to be employed in the Billings Hospital, University of Chicago, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago.

(CG T-2, 8/9/63).

Education

ARLENE BRIGHAM, born December 20, 1921, Mississippi, took one course as a student at large in Vertebrate Histology, during the winter quarter, 1962. There is no indication of any subsequent attendance at the University of Chicago by ARLENE BRIGHAM.

(CG T-3, 8/9/63).

Agency Check

The Bureau of Records and Communications, and the Chicago Police Department Security Section, were checked on

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August 8, 1963, by IC RICHARD D. ALLEN. No new information regarding ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was obtained as a result of this check.

II. ACTIVITIES

A meeting was held on May 6, 1962, at Mandel Hall, University of Chicago, featuring GUS HALL as speaker. ARLENE BRIGHAM was among those in attendance. HALL spoke regarding the "anti-communism" which he stated had become a big business which becomes a "smoke screen" behind which all manner of crimes are committed against the American people. Further, he stated that "anti-communism" had become a weapon against not only the Communists, but also against other loyal Americans. HALL then launched into a discussion of the McCarran Act, which he compared with Hitler's "Mein Kampf." Lastly, HALL spoke regarding the eventuality of socialism replacing capitalism, and hence communism replacing socialism. His final remarks concerned the need to find a solution to the arms race and nuclear testing.

(CG T-4, 5/8/62).

Substantially the same information as reported above was furnished by the following sources:

CG T-1, 5/10/62.

GUS HALL

GUS HALL is the General Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), USA.

(CG T-5, 5/7/62).

On May 12, 1962, ARLENE BRIGHAM attended a social affair sponsored by the CP of Illinois held at 3806 South Michigan Avenue. This affair was in honor of SAM KUSHNER and FLO HALL, who were being transferred to California. This was strictly a social affair.

(CG T-6, 5/23/62).

SAM

SAM KUSHNER

SAM KUSHNER was a member of the Illinois

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State Board of the CP prior to his departure for Los Angeles in May, 1962.

(CG T-7, 5/5/62)

FLO HALL

FLO HALL was a member of the Illinois State Board of the CP prior to her departure in May, 1962, for Los Angeles.

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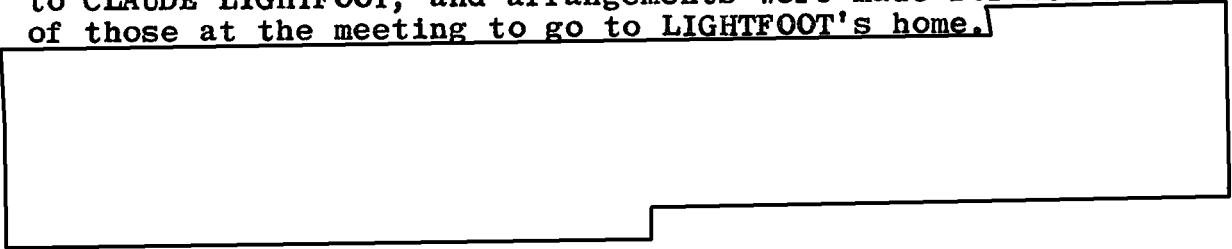
A meeting was held on June 13, 1962, at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, which was described as a meeting of the social study group. There were approximately [] people present, including ARLENE BRIGHAM. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was the main speaker at this meeting, and his discussion was on youth. LIGHTFOOT stated the struggles of today have been spearheaded by youth, and that the youth should be organized and should be the backbone of the CP. Further, he stated that the youth will stand up and demand their rights. LIGHTFOOT cited one demand of youth as being for more education, and in this regard he stated that more groups like the social study group should be organized to further educate the youth.

(CG T-8, 6/19/62)

A meeting was held [] on July 23, 1962, at the instigation of BRIGHAM, after she had been contacted that date by DAN QUEEN. BRIGHAM did not state what had happened at the meeting with QUEEN to those who had assembled [] and there were those present who expressed anger at not being included in the meeting with QUEEN. The meeting in progress proceeded with the discussion revolving around the refusal of a prospective Chicago delegate to the U.S. Festival Committee to sign a loyalty affidavit at the request of the U.S. Department of State prior to receiving a passport which would have enabled this delegate to attend the 8th World Youth Festival in Helsinki, Finland. It was decided that various organizations should be contacted as well as "important people" in newspapers to register a protest with regard to this delegate's refusal to sign this affidavit. During the course of the meeting, a call was made

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to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and arrangements were made for several of those at the meeting to go to LIGHTFOOT's home.



(CG T-9, 8/9/62)

DANIEL QUEEN

DANIEL QUEEN is in charge of the CP youth work in Illinois, and was elected a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, at its 17th National Convention, 1959.

(CG T-7, 9/25/62)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was a member of the CP of Illinois State Board, as of March 11, 1963.

(CG T-7, 3/11/63)

On December 26, 1962, a meeting was held at 5116 South Kimbark, Chicago, with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, JIM WEST and LOU DISKIN among those present. The discussion which resulted included CP policy with regard to the political situation at that time, which primarily involved the discussion of the approaching aldermanic election to be held in Chicago. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated at one point during the meeting that politically influential people of the Party should work closely with a group of people on the South Side (which the informant believed included ARLENE BRIGHAM). ARLENE BRIGHAM was not present at this meeting.

JIM WEST

As of December, 1962, JIM WEST was a member of the State Board, CP of Illinois.

(CG T-7, December, 1962)

LOU DISKIN

LOU DISKIN, as of February, 1963, was a member of the State Board, CP of Illinois.

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(CG T-7, February 1963).

A meeting was held on April 29, 1963 [redacted]

[redacted] Men-
tion was made during the course of this meeting regarding the active CP members of the South Side CP Club, as well as the inactive members; inactive members were noted as being those who had not attended a meeting in the past six months, and ARLENE BRIGHAM was included in this latter group. Discussion at this meeting centered around the regrouping and the rebuilding of Party organizations into Congressional District Clubs, and a meeting to involve the South Side Club was to be called for the 14th of May 1963. BRIGHAM not in attendance at this meeting.

(CG T-7, 4/30/63).

A meeting of the members of the South Side CP Club of Illinois was held on May 15, 1963, at 3851 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago. ARLENE BRIGHAM was present. The group assembled discussed the reorganization of the South Side Club in order that all South Side members could become active again. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was the main speaker of the evening. LIGHTFOOT proposed that a committee to include ARLENE BRIGHAM and ISHMAEL FLORY meet to discuss and to subsequently plan for reorganization of the South Side Club.

(CG T-11, 6/6/63).

The source below furnished substantially the same information and also reported that LIGHTFOOT stated that henceforth the South Side Club of the CP would be known as the South Side Political Action Club:

CG T-12, May 22, 1963.

Other sources reporting on the meeting held on May 15, 1963, were CG T-1, May 20, 1963, and CG T-6, May 20, 1963.

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ISHMAEL FLORY

As of February 1963, ISHMAEL FLORY was a member of the Negro Commission of the CP, of Illinois.
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III. MISCELLANEOUS

A funeral for GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT was held in Chicago on May 19, 1962. ARLENE BRIGHAM attended.

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The wake for GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT was held on May 18, 1963, and ARLENE BRIGHAM attended.

(CG T-13, 5/22/62;)
(CG T-11, 5/24/62;)
(CG T-10, 5/28/62)
(CG T-1, 5/21/62)

GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT

As of January 1962, GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT was a member at large of the National Committee, CP, USA.

(CG T-14, 1/19/62).

(CG T-1, 6/14/62).

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ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was noted in attendance at a meeting featuring comedian ~~DICK~~ GREGORY held May 1, 1963, at the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Chicago. Approximately 400 persons attended and it was noted that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, DAN QUEEN and others who source described as "CP members" were present. GREGORY's remarks were in regard to the treatment of Negroes in the South. ARLENE BRIGHAM was overheard to remark after GREGORY's speech that she wished to join in a demonstration to be held in Springfield, Illinois, on May 8, 1963, if she could arrange transportation. (CG T-9, 5/7/63)

It was learned that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on Saturday, August 18, 1962, went to his farm in Indiana and had as guests 14 persons, including ARLENE BRIGHAM.

(CG T-15, 8/21/62)

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CHICAGO HOME AND EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL, Aka.
Chicago Unemployment and Housing Council

A source advised on March 9, 1961, that around mid-March, 1961, at a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CP), CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a member of this Committee, stated that during March, 1961, the CP called together a meeting in Chicago to set up an unemployment organization. LIGHTFOOT stated, "I suppose I was the organizer of the meeting." LIGHTFOOT stated that in this organization there would be known communists working with non-communists.

A second source advised on March 24, 1961, that during March, 1961, LIGHTFOOT stated that the Unemployment Council in Chicago had a four-fold program as follows:

1. Legislative fight and all things encompassed therein.
2. Servicing grievances.
3. Housing and tenant problems.
4. High cost of living.

During May, 1961, a third source advised that during March, 1961, the Chicago Unemployment and Housing Council (CUHC), a membership organization with headquarters at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was conceived, organized and arranged by the South Side Club of the CP of Illinois in conjunction with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the CP of Illinois.

During December, 1961, this organization was incorporated into the State of Illinois under the name Chicago Home and Employment Council (CHEC).

A fourth source advised during April, 1962, that members of the CHEC and the South Side Freedom Committee (SSFC) held a joint meeting in April, 1962, where they voted to dissolve both organizations and merge them into a new organization.

A fifth source advised during May, 1962, that at a May, 1962, meeting of former members of the CHEC and SSFC they selected the name Equal Rights Committee for their newly merged organization.

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CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Suite 424, 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source advised in July, 1960, that RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the Civil Liberties Commission, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, met with key leaders of the CP of Illinois and discussed with them the fact that the climate in the United States on civil liberties and civil rights issues had changed to the extent that it was now possible to proceed to form a new organization with broad mass support. By doing so, CRILEY believed that people who would not associate themselves with an organization of narrow scope would join a civil liberties and civil rights organization built around a broader issue such as the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The CP leaders, after receiving assurance from CRILEY that any new organization that might evolve would protect the Party interests, authorized CRILEY to proceed with his plan to form a broader organization.

A second source advised on October 31, 1960, that a new organization known as the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was formally launched in Chicago at a meeting on October 26, 1960. The stated primary purpose of the new organization was to seek the abolition of the HCUA, and RICHARD CRILEY was named as its Executive Secretary, after having been the guiding force in arranging the October 26, 1960, meeting.

The first source in October, 1960, advised that CRILEY again attended a meeting of the Illinois District CP leadership on October 28, 1960, at which time he reported on the organizational meeting of the CCDBR. CRILEY stated that the immediate purpose of his organization is to obtain mass support to abolish the HCUA, but the new Committee purposes will also include defense of Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there will be no formal affiliation with any national organization of similar purpose; however, the CCDBR, according to CRILEY, will consult and have liaison with national organizations having the same purpose. According to the source, the CP leadership agreed with the general direction of the CCDBR as outlined by CRILEY.

A third source advised on May 10, 1963, that the CCDBR continues to adhere to the same aims and purposes, with RICHARD CRILEY as Executive Secretary; however, its Board of Directors has been expanded to include additional members of the clergy, educators and labor representatives, not known to be CP members.

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SOUTH SIDE FREEDOM COMMITTEE

A source advised in May, 1962, that the South Side Freedom Committee (SSFC) was formed in the fall of 1959 as a committee within the now defunct Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR) to work for the democratic rights of all peoples as set forth in the Constitution in the Bill of Rights of the United States. In December, 1960, SSFC commenced operating independently for the purpose of promoting open occupancy legislation as well as working for the betterment of democratic rights of all peoples with emphasis on the Negro race inasmuch as "their rights are most often violated."

A second source advised during April, 1962, that members of the SSFC and Chicago Home and Employment Council (CHEC) held a joint meeting at which they voted to dissolve both organizations and merge them into a new organization.

The first source advised during May, 1962, that at a May, 1962, meeting of former members of the SSFC and CHEC they selected the name Equal Rights Committee for their newly merged organization.

The first source advised in May, 1962, that the now defunct SSFC was made up mainly of Communist Party (CP) members, that they maintained no headquarters, and held meetings in the homes of members.

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THE UNITED STATES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE,
INC., (EIGHTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

The third 1961 issue of "World Youth," a publication of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY), reported that the first meeting of the International Preparatory Committee (IPC) took place at Helsinki, Finland, on February 20-22, 1961, to prepare for the Eighth World Youth Festival to be held in Helsinki in 1962. At the meeting, the IPC elected a permanent commission composed of representatives of a number of countries including Canada, the United States, as well as representatives of WFDY and the International Union of Students (IUS).

The IUS with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the WFDY with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, are cited as communist organizations in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, published by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., pages 91 and 177.

A source advised that in April, 1961, DANNY RUBIN, National Youth Director, Communist Party USA (CPUSA), advised that CP districts should concentrate on getting broad groups to sponsor the United States Festival Committee (USFC).

A pamphlet issued by the USFC described the program for the Festival and advised that the USFC was organized by students and youth leaders at a founding conference at Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1961, to publicize and encourage participation in the Helsinki Festival. The USFC had been recognized by the IPC, the sponsoring body of the Festival, as the United States Committee to administer United States participation in the Festival.

On February 4, 1963, a second source reported the USFC had changed its address from Room 807, 460 Park Avenue South, New York, New York, on February 2, 1963, to Post Office Box 172, Highbridge Station, Bronx 52, New York.

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THE UNITED STATES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE,
INCORPORATED (EIGHTH WORLD YOUTH
FESTIVAL); CHICAGO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
and ACTION COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

A source advised on October 24, 1961, that the Chicago Festival Committee (CFC) held its initial meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on October 22, 1961. The CFC was then composed of three local branches, the North Side, the South Side and the West Side branches and was the Chicago affiliate of the United States Festival Committee (USFC). The North Side and West Side Committees later merged and became known as the Northwest Chicago Festival Committee. The purpose of the CFC was to publicize and encourage participation in the Eighth World Youth Festival, which was held in Helsinki, Finland, July 27 - August 5, 1962, and to organize a delegation to the Festival.

This source also advised on October 24, 1961, that DANIEL QUEEN was one of the participants of the organizing conference of the CFC. He was also in attendance at the initiating conference of the USFC held in Chicago on October 14-15, 1961.

A second source advised on April 18, 1962, that DANIEL QUEEN is the Youth Organizer of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, and that during April, 1962, he was actively engaged in obtaining delegates to attend the Festival from CP youth members in the Chicago area.

A third source advised on March 16, 1962, that the CFC did not maintain a headquarters in the Chicago area and it was not a membership organization. It welcomed all those who wished to attend the Eighth World Youth Festival. This source advised on January 6, 1963, that pursuant to the constitution of the CFC, the organization dissolved November 1, 1962; however, a new autonomic group was formed by the Northwest Chicago Festival Committee using the constitution of the Northwest Chicago Festival Committee but dedicating its energies to work for world peace and fight prejudice against race and creed throughout the world. This new organization adopted the name Action Committee for Peace and Friendship and was formed at a meeting held January 6, 1963.

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Chicago, Illinois
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Reference Report of SA GERALD H. KEDDINGTON
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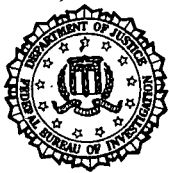
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

April 24, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

Arlene Ward Brigham is being called to your attention in connection with your responsibility of protecting the President of the United States.

Brigham resides in a third floor apartment at 711 East 83rd Street and is employed as an Apprentice Histology Technician, Billings Hospital, Department of Pathology, 950 East 59th Street, both Chicago, Illinois.

Brigham is a member of the Communist Party of Illinois. Her Communist Party membership dates back to 1944.

The following is a physical description of Brigham:

Name	Arlene Ward Brigham, also known as Arlene Howard, Arlene Ward, Mrs. Sherman Ward, Mrs. Lonnie Brigham
Date of birth	December 20, 1917, Jackson, Mississippi (not verified)
Sex	Female
Race	Negro
Height	5'6"
Weight	120 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown, wears glasses

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Characterization of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT,
Characterization of GILBERT GREEN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN
Date: 9/8/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 100-23644

Bureau File No.: 100-401574

Title: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides at 711 East 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed at the Billings Hospital, University of Chicago, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago. BRIGHAM attended meetings of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, South Side Communist Party (CP) Club, CP of Illinois, at Chicago, during the period 7/25/63 through 1/7/64. During 10/63 BRIGHAM attended an affair in Chicago honoring GILBERT GREEN. BRIGHAM on 12/31/63 attended an affair sponsored by the Modern Book Store and on 2/29/64 she attended an affair in Chicago, honoring the 40th Anniversary of "The Worker".

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

As of August 13, 1964, ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resided at 711 East 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 8/13/64)

Employment

As of August 13, 1964, ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM continued to be employed in the Billings Hospital, University of Chicago, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-2, 8/13/64)

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

On July 25, 1963, a meeting of the South Side Communist Party (CP) Club of Illinois was held in Chicago, Illinois. ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM did not attend this meeting. At this meeting it was stated that this South Side CP Club will be known in the future as the Ray Hansborough Brigade, and that weekly meetings were to be held in Chicago, Illinois. During this meeting a list of members of the Ray Hansborough Brigade was compiled, and these members were to be notified of the next meeting so that they could become more active in CP activities. The name of ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was included on this list.

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[REDACTED] At this meeting BRIGHAM's name was mentioned as a possible candidate for the position of "Coordinator" of the Ray Hansborough Brigade. Elections were to take place at a later date.

(CG T-1, 7/31/63)

On August 12, 1963, BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade held in Chicago, Illinois. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT chaired this meeting and during this meeting BRIGHAM was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, and was also appointed to the Education Committee of this CP Club.

(CG T-1, 8/14/63)

(CG T-3, 8/26/63)

(CG T-4, 8/14/63)

(CG T-5, 8/21/63)

(CG T-6, 8/30/63)

(CG T-7, 8/16/63)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was a member of the Communist Party of Illinois State Board, as of August 12, 1964.

(CG T-8, 8/12/64)

A meeting of the Ray Hansborough, South Side CP Club of Illinois was held in Chicago, Illinois, on September 10, 1963. BRIGHAM attended this meeting. The main discussion at this meeting concerned the current integration and civil rights movement now taking place, and how the CP should support this movement.

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On October 2, 1963, [REDACTED] meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade was held in Chicago, Illinois. BRIGHAM was not present at this meeting. It was stated at this meeting that BRIGHAM, who was formerly elected to the position of Vice-Chairman of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, should be omitted from the Executive Committee because of her inactivity at local meetings and at executive level meetings.

(CG T-3, 10/15/63)

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, South Side CP Club of Illinois, held in Chicago, Illinois, on November 5, 1963. At this meeting a discussion was held concerning increasing the circulation of "The Worker".

(CG T-6, 12/13/63)

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

On December 1, 1963, BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade held at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. This meeting was held for the purpose of launching a subscription drive for increased circulation of "The Worker". BRIGHAM and other members of this CP Club then canvassed the South Side of Chicago in an effort to obtain new and renewable subscriptions to "The Worker".

(CG T-3, 12/3/63)

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, South Side CP Club of Illinois, held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 3, 1963.

(CG T-1, 12/5/63)
(CG T-7, 12/10/63)

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BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 8, 1963. This meeting was held in an attempt to increase the circulation of "The Worker".

(CG T-1, 12/9/63)
(CG T-5, 12/19/63)
(CG T-9, 12/9/63)

A meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade was held in Chicago, Illinois, on January 7, 1964. BRIGHAM was present at this meeting. A general discussion concerning the recent subscription drive for increased circulation of "The Worker" was held at this meeting. BRIGHAM voiced opposition to obtaining readers to this newspaper on a two month trial basis, stating that this was a waste of time unless a follow-up program to obtain permanent subscriptions was put into effect.

(CG T-1, 1/10/64)
(CG T-3, 1/14/64)
(CG T-4, 1/13/64)
(CG T-7, 1/10/64)

A meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, South Side CP Club of Illinois, was held in Chicago, Illinois, on February 18, 1964. BRIGHAM was not present at this meeting; however, her name was mentioned at this meeting as an individual who had pledged \$5 to a fund drive to help support "The Worker".

(CG T-3, 3/3/64)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

On October 27, 1963, BRIGHAM, who was escorted by CALUDE LIGHTFOOT, attended an affair held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, which

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affair was sponsored by the GILBERT GREEN Reception Committee. This affair was held to honor the release from prison of GILBERT GREEN. Several speeches praising GILBERT GREEN and ridiculing the United States Justice Department and bitterly condemning the Government's prosecution and prison terms issued under the Smith Act by the United States Courts were made at this affair. GILBERT GREEN spoke at this affair and stated he was speaking as a communist and that his years in prison did not lessen his ardor for the ideals and principles of communism and its aims for peaceful co-existence as advocated by the Soviet Union.

(CG T-1, 10/30/63)
(CG T-5, 11/18/63)
(CG T-6, 11/21/63)
(CG T-10, 11/6/63)
(CG T-11, 10/31/63)

GILBERT GREEN

GILBERT GREEN⁴¹ as of April, 1964, was a member of the Illinois CP District Board and Staff.

(CG T-8, 4/64)

The Modern Book Store(MBS)

Characterization of the MBS is contained in the appendix section of this report.

A New Year's Eve party sponsored by the Modern Book Store (MBS) was held December 31, 1963, at the Headquarters of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, located at 37 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This affair was social in nature and was attended by BRIGHAM.

(CG T-3, 1/14/64)
(CG T-5, 1/14/64)✓

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African-American Heritage Association (AAHA)

Characterization of the AAHA is contained in the appendix section of this report.

It was learned on December 14, 1963, that the name of ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was in possession of the African-American Heritage Association (AAHA).

(CG T-12, 1/22/64)

"The Worker"

Characterization of "The Worker" has been previously set forth in this report.

On February 29, 1964, BRIGHAM attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration of "The Worker" held at the Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois. Attendance at this affair was approximately 350 individuals. A collection was taken up at this affair for the benefit of "The Worker".

(CG T-3, 3/3/64)
(CG T-6, 3/4/64)
(CG T-10, 3/4/64)

Other Information Concerning
ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

On October 26, 1963, BRIGHAM attended a social gathering held at the residence of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, 9600 South Genoa Street, Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-8, 10/28/63)

APPENDIX

1.

NEW DAY BOOKS, INC., d/b/a Modern
Book Store

On July 8, 1964, a source advised that the Modern Book Store is presently located at 56 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and is operated by LOU DISKIN, a current member of the District Board, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

The Modern Book Store today is the direct line successor to the original Workers Book Store, 23 South Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, established by the CP in the 1920's ostensibly under the ownership of SAM HAMMERSMARK, a charter member of the CP.

The aim and purpose of the Modern Book Store is to act as a receiver and purveyor for Marxist-Leninist literature as well as publications of the CP, USA.

While from its origin and through the present time the Modern Book Store has been publicly announced as privately owned and operated, it is covertly controlled by the CP. The CP subsidizes the Modern Book Store from time to time, purchases literature through this outlet and makes up financial losses sustained therewith. The CP utilizes the Modern Book Store as a working point for CP of Illinois functionaries in regard to organizational and educational activities.

Records of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, reflect that on March 18, 1964, New Day Books, Inc., 56 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, was incorporated in the State of Illinois. Its listed registered agent was LOUIS DISKIN.

A second source advised on July 2, 1964, that LOU DISKIN had stated the MBS was newly incorporated as New Day Books, Inc., but publicly and in Party circles, it would continue to use the name, Modern Book Store.

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1APPENDIXAFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION,
Formerly known as Afro-American
Heritage Association

A source advised on May 11, 1964, that the African American Heritage Association (AAHA) with headquarters at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was known as the Afro-American Heritage Association until February, 1961. It was founded by ISHMAEL FLORY around 1958 and incorporated in the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization. It was founded ostensibly for the purpose of teaching African history and culture to American Negroes. AAHA is strongly influenced by the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. It is represented by both communist and non-communist members, and some people with strong nationalistic tendencies. This organization reflects CP policy on some issues and opposes CP policy on others; for example, the CP rejects the concept of Afro-American as a reference term to the American Negro and rejects aspects of nationalism, both of which are reflected in the AAHA program. FLORY is a member of the Negro Commission, CP of Illinois, and theoretically under the discipline of the CP. He is the guiding force in AAHA and controls policy and decisions in AAHA.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman, CP of Illinois, in May, 1964, indicated that AAHA has tremendous potential; that there has been no "red-baiting" in its program or its membership; that the CP should organize a concentrated drive to make AAHA a mass organization and try to build a core so that it could expand its facilities. He proposed a goal of \$10,000 combined with a membership drive to begin in the fall of 1964. FLORY concurred with LIGHTFOOT and believed that with the support of the CP, AAHA could play an outstanding role.

A second source advised on May 11, 1964, that in 1962, the south side area of the CP of Illinois worked with FLORY to organize AAHA chapters under the leadership of CP members. The aims of this program included the reactivation of ex-CP members and recruiting of new CP members. The program was shortlived and became defunct in 1963. However, the CP has currently been using AAHA headquarters for CP meetings. Many south side CP members are members of AAHA and are active in AAHA affairs. South side CP groups have been working closely with AAHA, especially on Negro matters.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-100-401574)

DATE: March 26, 1965

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

May 12, 1965
Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bureau 100-401574
Chicago 100-23644

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

REFERENCE: Memo dated March 26, 1965

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Owner, Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop,
354 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-100-401574)

DATE: May 12, 1965

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO 100-23644

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE SEP 30 1965	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/1 - 24/65
TITLE OF CASE ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka		REPORT MADE BY JOHN P. O'BRIEN	TYPED BY mcl
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

CS REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN dated 9/8/64, at Chicago.

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TO BUREAU (3)

Two (2) copies of FD-376 and one photograph of BRIGHAM.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information concerning ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM during April, 1964, contained in Section II of this report, and information concerning BRIGHAM during April and May, 1964, contained in Section III of this report, were inadvertently omitted from the last annual report to the Bureau dated 9/8/64, because the serials containing this information were

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misfiled. This information is being included in this report to reflect subject's CP activities.

One copy of this report is being furnished to Secret Service, Chicago, pursuant to the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential Protection, Appendix B, No. 3, effective 2/3/65, together with one photograph of BRIGHAM.

An extra copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau along with two copies of FD-376 for dissemination to Secret Service at Washington, D.C.

INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

CG T-1

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Residence and
employment of
ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM,
orally to SA JOSEPH C.
STANLEY on 7/1/65,
instant report, Page 2.

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CG T-2
SEDELLE G. GUTTMAN,
Clerk, Personnel Office,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois
(protect identity -
requested)

Former employment of
ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM,
orally to SA ROBERT A.
REEVES on 3/22/65,
instant report, Page 2.

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4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified confidential because (state reason) **information furnished from sources contained in this report, including information furnished from CG T-1, CG T-3, CG T-4, and CG T-6, if disclosed, could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value, and compromise their future effectiveness.**
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not ~~xx~~ interviewed because (state reason) **she has stated in the past that she was waiting for Bureau Agents to attempt to interview her at which time she was going to tell them off, and if possible create an incident of some kind. It is felt an interview with her at this time may possibly cause embarrassment to the Bureau and there is no indication in the file of a change of attitude on her part.**
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **of her CP activity and her attendance at CP meetings as late as April, 1964.**
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bureau file 100-401574
Chief Chicago file 100-23644

United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

SEP. 30 1965

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available

☐ may be available through _____

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service

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Enclosure(s)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, Chicago
(Via Courier)Report of: SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN
Date: SEP. 30 1965

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 100-23644

Bureau File #: 100-401574

Title: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides at 711 East 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop, 354 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois. BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, South Side Communist Party (CP) Club, CP of Illinois, held on 4/28/64, in Chicago, Illinois. During 4/64, it was learned that BRIGHAM had pledged \$10.00 for the benefit of "The Worker" in Chicago, Illinois. On 5/2/64, BRIGHAM attended a May Day Celebration sponsored by the Chicago May Day Committee of the CP of Illinois held in Chicago, Illinois. On 5/23/65, BRIGHAM attended a rally in Chicago, Illinois, sponsored by the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

As of September 1, 1965, ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM continued to reside at 711 East 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop, 354 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 9/1/65)

Former Employment

It was learned during March, 1965, that BRIGHAM, who was formerly employed in the Billings Hospital, University of Chicago, 950 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois, voluntarily left this employment during December, 1964.

(CG T-2, 3/22/65)

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

On April 21, 1964, a special meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, South Side CP Club of Illinois, was held at 306 East 43rd Street in Chicago, Illinois. BRIGHAM did not attend this meeting. It was learned at this meeting that BRIGHAM had pledged \$10.00 for the benefit of "The Worker."

(CG T-3, 4/29/64)

(CG T-4, 5/8/64)

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

On April 28, 1964, BRIGHAM attended a meeting of the Ray Hansborough Brigade, South Side CP Club of Illinois, held in Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 5/1/64)

(CG T-4, 5/8/64)

(CG T-5, 5/21/64)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

"The Worker"

On April 26, 1964, ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM and other individuals canvassed the area of 4500 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to obtain new and renewal subscriptions to "The Worker."

(CG T-1, 4/27/64)

(CG T-3, 4/29/64)

(CG T-6, 5/14/64)

It was learned on November 17, 1964, that BRIGHAM had completely discontinued her subscription to "The Worker."

(CG T-3, 11/30/64)

Chicago May Day Committee

On May 2, 1964, the Chicago May Day Committee of the CP of Illinois held a May Day celebration at the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 500 individuals attended this affair.

(CG T-1, 5/8/64)

(CG T-3, 5/8/64)

(CG T-5, 5/21/64)

(CG T-7, 6/1/64)

Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR)

A characterization of the CCDBR is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

On May 23, 1965, BRIGHAM attended a public rally sponsored by the CCDBR held in Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 1,000 individuals attended this rally, which was held for the purpose of protesting a scheduled three day hearing to be held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Chicago, Illinois, during the latter part of May, 1965.

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(CG T-4, 5/25/65)
(CG T-7, 5/25/65)

Other Information Concerning BRIGHAM

On October 18, 1964, it was learned that BRIGHAM was recently in contact with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and LIGHTFOOT told BRIGHAM that a meeting would be held in the near future in Chicago, Illinois, to discuss the meaning of the recent dismissal of KHRUSHCHEV as the leader of the Soviet Union.

(CG T-8, 10/21/64)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

As of August, 1965, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was Chairman of the CP of Illinois and a member of the CP of Illinois State Board.

(CG T-9, 8/65)

On December 5, 1964, a social gathering was held to honor CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT at LIGHTFOOT's residence in Chicago, Illinois. BRIGHAM attended this gathering. This affair was a farewell gathering for LIGHTFOOT, who was scheduled to leave on a six weeks trip to the Soviet Union and other countries.

(CG T-1, 12/19/64)
(CG T-8, 12/18/64)
(CG T-10, 12/10/64)

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APPENDIX

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) maintains headquarters in Suite 424, 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source advised in July, 1960, that RICHARD CRILEY, then a member of the Civil Liberties Commission of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, met with key leaders of the CP and was authorized by the CP to form a new organization with broad mass support so long as the new organization would protect the Party interests.

This source advised in October, 1960, that on October 28, 1960, CRILEY reported to the CP leadership that the CCDBR had been organized. He outlined its aims and purposes as being to obtain mass support to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to defend Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there would be no formal affiliation with any other national organization having the same purposes. The CP leadership agreed with the general direction of the CCDBR as outlined by CRILEY.

A second source advised on October 31, 1960, that the CCDBR was formally organized on October 26, 1960, with RICHARD CRILEY as Executive Secretary after he motivated organizing the meeting of October 26, 1960.

A third source advised on May 5, 1965, that the original stated purposes for the CCDBR continue to be adhered to with CRILEY continuing as the motivating force behind the Committee. The Board of Directors, however, now includes many individuals in the religious, educational and labor fields who are not known as CP members.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE SEP 29 1966	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/5-26/66
TITLE OF CASE ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka		REPORT MADE BY JAMES A. MAY	TYPED BY mcl
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

QF REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN dated 9/30/65,
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Two (2) copies of FD-376.

INFORMANTS

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Residence and employment of
BRIGHAM, orally to SA JOSEPH C.
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	9/22/66	Orally to SA JAMES A. MAY	Instant report, page 3
	9/26/66	Orally to SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN	Instant report, page 3
	9/26/66	Orally to SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN	Instant report, page 3
	9/26/66	Orally to SA GARRETT P. FLEMING	Instant report, page 3
	9/15/66	Orally to SA PAUL R. ELOFSON	Instant report, page 3

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to Bureau 100-401574
File No. Chicago 100-23644

SEP. 29 1966

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

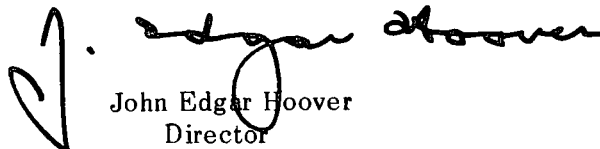
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, Chicago (Via Courier)

Report of: SA JAMES A. MAY

Office: Chicago

Date: SEP. 29 1966

Field Office File #: 100-23644

Bureau File #: 100-401574

Title: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: BRIGHAM resides at 711 East 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Parlor and Record Shop, 354 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois. During 9/65, BRIGHAM's name mentioned at a meeting of the South Central Freedom of the Press Committee, CP of Illinois. Although not present she was considered as member of this club. During 12/65, and 3/66, BRIGHAM's name mentioned at a CP meeting in which it was stated she would either pay her dues and pledges or she would be dropped from the Party. Confidential informants contacted during 9/66, but could furnish no current pertinent information regarding BRIGHAM.

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CG 100-23644

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On September 23, 1966, ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM continued to reside at 711 East 83rd Street and is employed as the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Parlor and Record Shop at 354 East 51st Street, both Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 9/23/66)

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

On September 28, 1965, the South Central Freedom of the Press Committee (SCFPC), CP of Illinois, held a meeting in the Chicago, Illinois area. BRIGHAM was not present at this meeting; however, her name was mentioned as one of the members of this club.

(CG T-2, 9/30/65)

On December 23, 1965, the SCFPC, CP of Illinois, held a meeting in the Chicago, Illinois area. BRIGHAM was not present at this meeting; however, her name was mentioned as one of those who was not attending meetings and that if she did not start attending the meetings, pay up her dues and pledges, the Party was going to "kick her out".

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

(CG T-2, 12/6/65)

On March 23, 1966, BRIGHAM's name was mentioned at [redacted] meeting of the SCFPC, CP of Illinois, as being one who will have to pay her 1965 and 1966 dues or be dropped from the Party.

(CG T-2, 3/31/66)

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants, who are generally familiar with some of the phases of the CP and/or CP front group activity in the Chicago, Illinois area, were contacted during September, 1966, but could furnish no current pertinent information regarding BRIGHAM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644) (C)

DATE: 9/28/67

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
SM - C

OO: CHICAGO

Re report of SA JAMES A. MAY dated 9/29/66 at Chicago.

Residence and Employment

On September 20, 1967, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised BRIGHAM resides in the third floor apartment at 711 East 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois and is the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop, 354 East 51st Street, Chicago.

Current Informant Contacts

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

The following confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are generally familiar with some of the phases of the Communist Party (CP) and/or CP front group activity in the Chicago area, were contacted on the indicated dates, but could furnish no additional pertinent information regarding BRIGHAM:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
[redacted]	9/20/67	JOSEPH C. STANLEY
	9/13/67	JAMES A. MAY
	9/14/67	JAMES A. MAY
	9/15/67	LEON R. JANNIS
	9/13/67	GARRETT P. FLEMING
	9/14/67	ROBERT A. CONNORS

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken 1961.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because
(state reason)

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
she has stated in the past that she was waiting for Bureau Agents to attempt to interview her, at which time she was going to tell them off, and if possible, create an incident of some kind. It is felt an interview with her at this time may possibly cause embarrassment to the Bureau and there is no indication in the file of a change of attitude on her part.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of her CP activity and her attendance at CP meetings as late as 4/64.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

FROM : *mug/ken* SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644) (C)

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
SM - C
(OO: CHICAGO)

DATE: 4/25/68

MB
Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 9/28/67, captioned as above.

BRIGHAM is on the Security Index of the Chicago Office.

The data appearing on the Security Index card is current and correct.

BRIGHAM attended CP meetings as late as April, 1964. *21*

Recommendation

Retain BRIGHAM on the Security Index.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401574)

FROM : *mg/a* SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644) (C)

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM
SM-C

DATE: 9/27/68 *Posted p. III*

(OO: CHICAGO)

and 50 Re Chicago letters to Bureau dated 9/28/67 and 4/25/68.

This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual report inasmuch as there has been no reported activity on the part of subject since the annual letter dated September 28, 1967.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) *E*

Residence and Employment

On September 19, 1968, [] reliable, advised SA SANFORD A. MOEN that subject continues to reside at 711 East 83rd Street, Chicago, and is the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop, 354 East 51st Street, Chicago.

Arrest Record

The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, were caused to be searched by IC RALPH MC CLAIN on September 19, 1968, however, no information identifiable with subject was located in available arrest records.

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Current Informant Contacts

The following confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party (CP) and for CP front group activity in the Chicago area, were contacted on dates indicated but were unable to furnish any additional pertinent information concerning subject:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	9/10/68	GARRETT M. DUEL
	9/11/68	" "
	9/12/68	GARRETT P. FLEMING
	9/12/68	" "
	9/14/68	ROBERT F. BARRY
	9/16/68	" "
	9/19/68	SANFORD A. MOEN

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken 1966.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because
(state reason)

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

It is believed contact with her would prove unproductive and could possibly result in embarrassment of the Bureau inasmuch as subject has stated in the past that she was waiting for Bureau agents to attempt to interview her at which time she was going to tell them off and, if possible create an incident of some kind.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because
(state reason)

of subject's attendance at CP meetings as recently as April, 1964

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-401574)

DATE: 3/3/72

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-23644) *N/T*SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka
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(OO: Chicago)Cards UTD
Cards Sent 00
3/16/72
3/20/72
ADEK CTH
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Re: Chicago letter to the Bureau, 9/27/68.

Recommend: ☐ ADEX Card ☒ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

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<input type="checkbox"/> AWC <input type="checkbox"/> BNT <input type="checkbox"/> BPP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNIST <input type="checkbox"/> JFG <input type="checkbox"/> MIN	<input type="checkbox"/> NL <input type="checkbox"/> NOI <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLP <input type="checkbox"/> PPA <input type="checkbox"/> PRN <input type="checkbox"/> SDS <input type="checkbox"/> SNC <input type="checkbox"/> SPL <input type="checkbox"/> SWP <input type="checkbox"/> WWP
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any. Owner, Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop 321 East 51st Street Chicago, Illinois		Residence Address 9531 South Yates Avenue Chicago, Illinois	
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility	

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CG 100-23644

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides at 9531 South Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop, 321 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois. She was formerly carried in Priority III of the Security Index.

BRIGHAM attended a meeting of a Communist Party (CP) club in Chicago, Illinois, during April, 1964. During 1968 her name was maintained on a membership list of the South Central Freedom of the Press Club, CPUSA, Illinois District, and during 1970 she was still considered a member of this CP club. During 1970, she attended affairs honoring GUS HALL and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and was a subscriber to the "Daily World."

In view of the above, BRIGHAM is being recommended for inclusion in Category III of the ADEX.

The next report concerning BRIGHAM will reach the Bureau by 5/15/72.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
March 3, 1972
Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-401574
Chicago 100-23644

SUBJECT: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

CHARACTER: SM-C

REFERENCE: Report dated September 29, 1966

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 9531 South Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Employment: Owner, Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop,
321 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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FBI - CHICAGO
by *[Signature]*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 5/16/72	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/20/72-5/9/72
TITLE OF CASE ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN	TYPED BY SMG
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C	

REFERENCES: Chicago letter to Bureau dated 9/27/68.
Chicago FD-122 dated 3/3/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Attached hereto for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
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5-Bureau (100-401574) (RM) 1-US Secret Service, Chicago (Via Courier) 1-Chicago (100-23644)						100 - 401574 - 29			REC-88	
						14 MAY 18 1972			EX-116	
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations				
Agency	J. Rom (SS) SS (FD-376)					INT. SEC. CG routing slip dated 2/13/73 advised file reviewed and subject does not meet ADEX criteria, SAC Memo 21-72.				
Request Recd.										
Date Fwd.	6/19/72									
How Fwd.										
By	J.N.E./WS 603									

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INFORMANTS

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CG T-7 is

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Location

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Characterization of
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available. 1966
Date photograph was taken _____
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified **Confidential** because
(state reason)

the unauthorized disclosure of information from CG T-1 through CG T-7 could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the US

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

it is believed contact with her would prove un-productive and could possibly result in embarrassment to the Bureau inasmuch as the subject has stated in the past that she was waiting for Bureau Agents to attempt to interview her at which time she was going to tell them off and, if possible, create an incident of some type.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

because of subject's attendance at CP meetings as late as April, 1964 together with the fact that she was considered a member of the CPUSA as late as April, 1970.

10. ☒ Subject's ADEX card is tabbed Category ☐ I ☐ II ☒ III ☐ IV
☐ Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons)

11. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:

5/16/72
☒ Submitted _____ (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No

12. ☐ Subject is Extremist in Category I of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with NCIC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **100-23644**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
May 16, 1972

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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RE:

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s) (Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to: 1-US Secret Service, Chicago (Via Courier)

Report of: SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN Office: Chicago
Date: 5/16/72

Field Office File #: 100-23644 Bureau File #: 100-401574

Title: ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis:

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides at 9531 South Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop, 321 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois. During 11/68 BRIGHAM's name was maintained as a member of the South Central Freedom of the Press Committee, CPUSA, Illinois District and during 4/70 she was considered a member of this CP Club. During March, 1969 and December, 1970 BRIGHAM attended affairs sponsored by the CPUSA, Illinois District.

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declassification~~

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM resides at 9531 South Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and is employed as the owner of the Palm Beach Beauty Salon and Record Shop, 321 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 4/20/72)

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CPUSA), ILLINOIS DISTRICT

During November, 1968 it was learned that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM's name was maintained on a list of names containing individuals considered to be members of the South Central Freedom of Press Committee, CPUSA, Illinois District.

(CG T-2, 11/13/68)

During April, 1970 it was learned that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was considered a member of the South Central Freedom of the Press Committee, CPUSA, Illinois District.

(CG T-1, 4/7/70)

I. MISCELLANEOUS

It was learned that ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT met with each other during LIGHTFOOT's visit to Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-3, 3/25/69)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is a member of the National Council, CPUSA.

(CG T-4, 5/72)

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On April 18, 1970, BRIGHAM attended a testimonial dinner in honor of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT's 40th year of work in the CP and in honor of his 60th birthday. This affair was held in Chicago, Illinois, was sponsored by the CPUSA, Illinois District, and was attended by approximately 400 individuals.

(CG T-5, 5/8/70)

(CG T-6, 4/22/70)

"DAILY WORLD"

The "Daily World" is an East Coast Communist Newspaper.

On June 26-27, 1970, it was learned that ARLENE BRIGHAM was a subscriber to the "Daily World".

(CG T-7, 6/26-27/70)

On December 6, 1970, the Illinois District, CPUSA, sponsored a birthday dinner in honor of GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CPUSA held in Chicago, Illinois. ARLENE WARD BRIGHAM was present at this affair.

(CG T-5, 1/8/71)

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